

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

6th May, 2026

Cabinet Meeting – 6th May, 2026

His Excellency the Governor Daniel Pruce chaired the meeting held on 6th May, 2026.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Communications and Works, who was absent on private business.

Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and approved the Bill entitled, Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2026, which seeks to amend the Consumer Protection Act, 2020, No. 10 of 2020 to reassign the functions of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission, which is not operational, to the Minister and the Director of Business or such other public officer as may be designated by the Minister for the Purposes of the Act; and agreed that the Bill be introduced for its first reading in the House of Assembly at its next convenient sitting.
2. Appointed members to the Crown Lands Advisory Board from 6th May 2026:
 - a. in accordance with Section 6(1)(c) of the Virgin Islands Crown Lands Management Act, 2024:
 - i. Dirk L. Walters for a period three (3) years until 5th May, 2029 as nominated by the Premier;
 - ii. Archibald Christian for a period three (3) years until 5th May, 2029 as nominated by the Leader of the Opposition;
 - b. in accordance with Section 6(1)(c)(i) of the Virgin Islands Crown Lands Management Act, 2024:
 - i. Marvin Flax Jr. for a period three (3) years until 5th May, 2029, as the representative of Tortola;
 - ii. Coy Levons for a period two (2) years until 5th May, 2028, as the representative of Anegada;
 - iii. LilyMae Durante for a period two (2) years until 5th May, 2028, as the representative of Salt Island; and

- iv. Steve Lennard for a period three (3) years until 5th May, 2029, as the representative of Virgin Gorda;
- c. in accordance with Section 6(1)(c)(ii) of the Virgin Islands Crown Lands Management Act, 2024:
 - i. Dylan Penn for a period three (3) years until 5th May, 2029, as the representative for Environment and Planning;
- d. pursuant to section 6(2) of the Virgin Islands Crown Lands Management Act, 2024:
 - i. Adrian A. James for a period three (3) years until 5th May, 2029, as the representative from the field of architecture and as a youth;
- e. Approved:
 - i. the Minister's appointment of Dirk L. Walters as Chairperson of the Crown Lands Advisory Board in accordance with section 7(1) of the Crown Lands Management Act, 2024;
 - ii. the Minister's appointment of Dylan Penn as Deputy Chairperson of the Crown Lands Advisory Board in accordance with section 7(1) of the Crown Lands Management Act, 2024; noted
- f. that the appointment of Dirk L. Walters as Chairperson to the Crown Lands Advisory Board is subject to an affirmative Resolution in the House of Assembly in accordance with section 7(2) of the Crown Lands Management Act;
- g. that the stipend for Chairman - one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), Deputy Chairman - eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) per month, and Members – five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per month, by attendance; agreed
- h. that the appointment date of 6th May, 2026 for the Board members shall be fixed to take effect upon the passage of the affirmative resolution of the Chairperson in the House of Assembly, through the relevant instruments signed by the Minister; noted
- i. that Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for Crown Lands, or a designated senior public officer; and the Chief Planner, or a designated senior public officer would also serve as members by virtue of their positions, and therefore would not be remunerated and
- j. that Coy Levons will not be remunerated as he currently serves as a public officer in the Ministry of Communications and Works.

3. Noted:

- a. the successful international launch of the Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund (VICCTF) on 21 April 2026 at the Global Sustainable Islands Summit 2026, Gran Canaria, Spain;
 - b. the strong international engagement and partner endorsements received, including from the CARICOM Secretariat, the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, the Development Bank for Resilient Prosperity, and a range of other regional and international organisations;
 - c. the official unveiling of the VICCTF brand identity and website, and the commencement of active outreach to global institutions, the private sector, and impact investors; and
 - d. the Trust Fund's continued advancement towards full operationalisation, including the anticipated first call for proposals in 2026 and forthcoming local engagement activities across the Virgin Islands.
4. Noted the 2025 Annual Report for His Majesty's Prison; inclusive of achievements and challenges as identified in the report; and agreed that the Report be laid on the table at the next convenient sitting of the House of Assembly.
5. Approved one (1) Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence application and an application to hold land in joint proprietorship on Virgin Gorda.

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