

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

18th, 25th and 30th June 2025

Cabinet Meeting – 18th June, 2025

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 18th June, 2025.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Premier and Attorney General, who were overseas on official duty and private leave, respectively. Solicitor General Mrs. Jo-Ann Williams-Roberts attended as the acting Attorney General.

Cabinet:

1. Decided that a zero customs duty rate be applied to any approved renewable energy product/item being imported into the Territory for a period of five (5) years with effect from 1st September, 2025 to 31st August, 2030.
2. Approved two non-belonger land holding licence applications and one application for a charge over crown land for Nanny Cay Resort and Marina Limited.

Cabinet Meeting – 25th June, 2025

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 25th June, 2025.

All Members were present, with the exception of Minister for Communications and Works (official duty travel); Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports (official duty) and Attorney General (annual leave). Solicitor General Mrs. Jo-Ann Williams-Roberts attended as the acting Attorney General.

Cabinet:

1. Decided that the Disaster Management Act, 2003 be amended to formally include the Technical Advisory Committee to support the Emergency Disaster Fund Committee in reviewing and advising on claims and requests; endorsed the role of the Committee as an advisory body to the Emergency Disaster Fund Committee, focused on operational and technical assessments of fund applications; and decided that the Office of the Deputy Governor provide drafting instructions to the Attorney General's Chambers to make the necessary amendments to the Disaster Management Act, 2003.
2. Approved the initiation of the legislative process to establish the Virgin Islands Development Agency (VIDA) through the amendment of the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency Act, 2018; and that the Premier's Office instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the necessary legislative drafting to amend the Act, specifically to facilitate the renaming of the Agency and transition of its functions to VIDA.
3. Decided that the Immigration and Passport Regulations, 2014 be amended to include Board of Immigration's Point-based System for obtaining Residence Status and Belonger Status, inclusive of the criteria for determining financial stability, effective 30th June, 2025; approved
 - a. the recommendation of the Board of Immigration for an annual continuous cycle for the submission, receipt and consideration of applications for Residence Status and Belonger Status;
 - b. that the Immigration and Passport Regulations, 2014, as amended, be amended to include the revised application form to replace Forms 3, 4A and 5, effective 30th June, 2025;
 - c. the revision and addition of fees related to applications for Residence Status and Belonger Status, as itemised in Part I of Schedule 3 of the Immigration and Passport Regulations, effective 30th June, 2025;
 - d. the revision, removal and addition of various fees associated with services rendered under the Immigration and Passport Act, in Part I of Schedule 3 of the Immigration and Passport Regulations, 2014, effective 1st October, 2025;

- e. that previously endorsed children, who have attained the age of 18 to be considered under Section 18(4) of the Immigration and Passport Regulations, 2014 as amended, be eligible for a letter from the Chief Immigration Officer, for a period not to exceed one (1) year, permitting them to remain in the Territory and continue to benefit from the privileges afforded to a holder of Residence Status, while awaiting the outcome of their independent application, effective 30th June, 2025;
- f. the amendment of Regulation 27 to introduce a one-day Landing Permit Stamp and a 30-day Landing Permit Stamp for the processing of visitors entering the Territory, to be Forms 12(c) and 12(d) of Schedule 1 of the Immigration and Passport Regulations, 2014 as amended, effective immediately; and
- g. the Ministry of Financial Services, Economic Development and Digital Transformation instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the relevant amendments to the Immigration and Passport Regulations, 2014, as amended before 26th June, 2025; and to prepare a consolidation of the Immigration and Passport Regulations.

4. Decided:

- a. that the structure of prescribed fees for National Parks Trust Park entrance, park facilities use, Territorial mooring buoy permits, seabed licenses, filming and photography be increased as recommended;
- b. that Cabinet's decision for Territorial moorings fees (private, commercial and hurricane) to increase by one hundred dollars (\$100) for four successive years, capping at one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), effective no later than 1st October 2025 be implemented;
- c. that entry fees and facility-use fees be charged at the Copper Mine National Park on Virgin Gorda;
- d. that a fee be charged to enter the Anegada Rock Iguana HeadStart Facility on Anegada;
- e. that the Ministry of Finance instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to amend and incorporate the recommended changes to the National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands prescribed fees structure in line with the Schedule to the Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges Act.

5. Decided:

- a. to appoint the following persons to constitute the panel of assessors for the Youth Court on Tortola in accordance with Section 2(1)(d) of the Youth Courts Act, 2005 for a period of three (3) years with effect from 15th May, 2025 until 14th May, 2028:
 - i. Mr. Colin Anthony Cousins;
 - ii. Ms. Kimra DeWindt; (Public Officer)
 - iii. Dr. Maris Hodge-Wright;
 - iv. Mr. Courtney Jones; and
 - v. Mrs. Debra Hodge;
- b. to appoint the following persons to constitute the panel of assessors for the Youth Court on Virgin Gorda in accordance with Section 2(1)(d) of the Youth Courts Act, 2005 for a period of three (3) years with effect from 15th May, 2025 until 14th May, 2028:
 - i. Dr. Carlyn Benjamin-Raymore; (Public Officer);
 - ii. Ms. Mignon Williams; (Public Officer) and
 - iii. Dr. Cherilyn Anderson-Rogers

6. Approved:

- a. the Public Assistance Regulations, 2025, which seek to standardise and outline the definitions and application process related to applying for public assistance;
- b. the following supporting Orders:
 - i. Public Assistance (Income Thresholds) Order, 2025; and
 - ii. Public Assistance (Additional Categories and Payments) Order, 2025; decided
- c. that the Public Assistance Regulations, 2025, Public Assistance (Income Thresholds) Order, 2025, and Public Assistance (Additional Categories and Payments) Order, 2025 be published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette; and agreed they be laid on the table of the House of Assembly at its next convenient sitting.

Cabinet Meeting – 30th June, 2025

His Excellency, the Acting Governor Mr. David D. Archer Jr., chaired a Special meeting held on 30th June, 2025, in the absence of Governor Daniel Pruce, who was overseas on official business.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change; Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports (official duty) and Attorney General (annual leave). Solicitor General Mrs. Jo-Ann Williams-Roberts attended as the acting Attorney General.

Cabinet:

1. Considered and approved the BVI Business Companies and Limited Partnerships (Beneficial Ownership) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025, which give effect to the Government's policy on legitimate interest access and introduced related amendments concerning exemptions, restrictions, and transitional provisions; and decided that the Regulations be published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette and thereafter laid on the table in the House of Assembly in accordance with Standing Orders, to be subject to a negative resolution.
2. Considered and approved the BVI Business Companies (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order, 2025, which includes fees concerning accessing information contained in the Register of Beneficial Ownership; and decided that the Order be published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette and thereafter laid on the table of the House of Assembly at its next convenient sitting.

Published by the Cabinet Office on 28th August, 2025.

Guidelines:

1. Cabinet decisions will be published by the Cabinet Office following confirmation of the Minutes.
2. Only a summary of the decisions will be published.
3. Cabinet discussions will not be disclosed.
4. Cabinet decisions of a sensitive nature, matters of national security, those where publication breaches regional or international conventions and those relating to personal privacy will not be disclosed.
5. Cabinet decisions will be published in the weekly issues of the Virgin Islands Official Gazette at Gazette at www.eservices.gov.vg/gazette.
6. Cabinet decisions will be also available on bvi.gov.vg and on Twitter.

###