

## **THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT**

### **CABINET DECISIONS**

18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026

### **Cabinet Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

His Excellency, the Acting Governor Mr. David Archer, Jr., chaired the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, in the absence of Governor Daniel Pruce, who was overseas on private business.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Deputy Premier and Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change.

Cabinet:

#### 1. Decided:

- a. that in accordance with Schedule 4 Section 1 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2001, as amended, that the following persons be appointed to serve as members of the Maritime Advisory Board for two (2) years, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2028:
  - i. Mr. Robert Hirst - Chairman
  - ii. Mr. John Samuel - Director;
  - iii. Registrar of Shipping and Seaman;
  - iv. Managing Director of the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority;
  - v. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries (formerly Chief Conservation and Fisheries Officer);
  - vi. Commissioner of Customs;
  - vii. Ms. Marjorie Smith, nominated by the BVI Chamber of Commerce;
  - viii. Mr. John Greenwood, nominated by the BVI Bar Association;
  - ix. Ms. Michele Hibbert - nominated by the Association of Registered Agents;
  - x. Mr. Kevin Richards - a person with knowledge and experience in maritime matters; and
  - xi. Mr. Anthony George - a person with knowledge and experience in maritime matters;

- b. that in accordance with Schedule 4(4) that Ms. Kadia Turnbull, recommended as the officer from the Ministry of Communications and Works, be appointed as Secretary to the Board; and noted
  - c. that members of the Board, with the exception of public officers, will be paid three hundred dollars (\$300) per month based on verified attendance at meetings; and the Chairman will be paid \$500 per month.
2. Reviewed and approved the Schedule of Additional Provisions No. 2 of 2025 and the draft Resolution; and decided that both documents be submitted to the Clerk of the House of Assembly to be laid before the House of Assembly at the next convenient sitting.
3. Approved the Government of the Virgin Islands Integrated Investment Policy and Public Finance Management Framework as the official policy governing the investment of all public funds; decided that the Ministry of Finance operationalise the policy immediately, including the issuance of Standard Operating Procedures, annual Investment Action Plans, and training initiatives; and noted that the policy will be subject to an annual review, with proposed amendments to be brought forward for Cabinet and, where required, House of Assembly approval (particularly for expansion of authorised investment categories).
4. Approved one (1) Non-Belongers Land Holding Licences Application and an application for a new lease for Sea Cow's Bay Registration Section – Nanny Cay Resort & Marina Limited.

### **Cabinet Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026**

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Approved:
  - a. the appointment of the following persons as members, in accordance with Section 3.3.1 of the Commercial Agriculture and Fisheries Grant Policy, to serve on the Commercial Agriculture and Fisheries Grant Committee for a period of two (2) years in the first instance, with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026 to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2028, subject to renewal based on Cabinet's determination:
    - i. Mr. Orville Clarke – ministry representative;

- ii. Mr. Ludwis Allen Wheatley – financial expert;
    - iii. Mr. Ian Penn – legal expert;
    - iv. Mr. Zanti Dick-Read – technical expert in agriculture; and
    - v. Mr. Ken Pemberton- Technical Expert in Fisheries;
  - b. the appointment of Mr. Ludwis Allen Wheatley, as chairman, in accordance with Section 3.3.1(3.) of the Commercial Agriculture and Fisheries Grant Policy; and
  - c. that members of the Committee, who are not public officers, be eligible to receive a stipend for the months in which they are actively engaged in the work of the Committee, at the rate of \$400 per month for the Chairman and \$250 per month for members.
2. Noted the Governance Reform Implementation Action Plan and the progress made as of February 2026.
  3. Noted that Mr. Marquese Maduro and Mr. Trent Brequan Herbert have been appointed Deputy Chairperson and Youth Representative, respectively, of the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Board with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in accordance with the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency Act, 2018.
  4. Approved that the Government of the Virgin Islands enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tiber Health, Public Benefit Corporation, d/b/a Ponce Health Sciences University, as amended, and agreed that the Premier and Minister of Finance execute the amended MoU on behalf of the Government.
  5. Approved the policy paper, which outlines the detailed proposed amendments to the Consumer Protection Act, 2020; decided that the Ministry of Financial Services, Economic Development and Digital Transformation, as the Ministry responsible for consumer affairs, provide drafting instructions to the Attorney General’s Chambers for the preparation of the necessary amendments.
  6. Approved five (5) Non-Belongers Land Holding Licences applications.

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