



Decision List BC Meeting 05/21/2024

Subtitle	Weekly BC Meeting
Date	05/21/2024
Time	9:00 – 12:00
Location	Courtroom
Chair	Governor Johnson
Attendees	Eviton Heyliger and Jonathan Johnson
Absentees	Bruce Zagers

1.0.0 Welcome

2.0.0 Minutes

Attachment:

BC Meeting Minutes 07-05-2024

BC Meeting Minutes 14-5-2024

BC Minutes 17.2024

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.0 Discussion Papers

3.0.2 Appointment aangewezen geneeskundigen

According to the 'wet verklaring overlijden BES' it is the responsibility of the BC to appoint one or more 'aangewezen geneeskundigen'. Their role is that of forensic medical doctor in case of deaths where unnatural causes cannot be ruled out. They will in all cases work together with police and 'officieren van justitie'. At present Dr Willemijn van Leeuwen is listed as the sole island forensic doctor. We suggest to appoint Dr Menno Bakker as a second forensic doctor to ensure there is a doctor on island appointed for forensic tasks.

Decision:

Approved.



3.0.4

Costs DCALFA day trip to Saba

Statia will host the third annual conference of the Dutch Caribbean Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries Alliance (DCALFA). As part of their program, a small delegation will visit Saba on Sunday, May 26. Customarily, the hosting island bears the costs to hold the conference. This has been the case with the first conference in Curacao, the second in Aruba and this third one in Statia. It is proposed that the PES bear the costs to host this small delegation while on island. These include food and transportation costs.

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.5

Education Summit St. Maarten

On May 24th, 2024, L.I.F.E (“Learning Is For Everyone Foundation”) founded by Ms. Julienne A. Augusty is hosting an Education Summit in Sint Maarten. The summit focuses on current education trends and challenges to promote excellent learning and care systems for children and their families within St. Maarten and the wider region.

The forum facilitates idea sharing amongst top educators and other stakeholders concerning various aspects of learning and development. The Summit will cover many topics, including learning objectives, assessments, critical thinking skills, speech and language development, occupational therapy, and the arts as educational tools.

The purpose and goal of the summit are to give a:

- A call of action for education investment for all children
- To raise awareness of our current education landscape, highlighting learning challenges and our underserved youths as key change players.
- Provide practical insights into current learning trends
- Using context indicators that affect learning to provide appropriate and relevant pillars in our education real estate

Several stakeholders from Saba were invited to this Summit, especially those working in Early Childhood. The BES(t)4Kids Project Leader and Absolute Childcare were amongst those invited.

We would like to ask your approval for the B4K PL and Absolute Childcare



Manager to participate in this one day Education Summit. Costs for the Education Summit are limited, being two return flight tickets from Saba to St. Maarten and two times daily allowance for one day.

Decision:

Approved.

3.1.0 VEI Partnership Agreement 2025– 2027

Since 2016, VEI has been supporting Public Entity Saba to develop water management on Saba. The support from VEI is established through partnership agreements. The existing partnership agreement will expire at the end of 2024. As PES is still in the process of further developing water management, support from VEI is still necessary and would therefore like to enter into a new partnership agreement for the period 2025–2027.

The scope of activities for the years 2025–2027 will be discussed and agreed upon annually. An addendum to the agreement will be made when the annual activities are defined.

Decision:

Approved.

3.1.1 Agreement for Trucking Water

The Public Entity operates a water pipeline system with the aim to ensure availability of RO water at affordable rates to consumers anywhere on the island for a fixed price. Trucked RO water is subsidized by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water. Truckers are appointed for the exclusive distribution between the filling stations and trucking destinations. Currently, there are 5 truckers who distribute RO Water.

In 2024, additional subsidy will be provided to further reduce the costs of transported RO Water. The subsidy will be applied to the rates as soon as the new agreement enters into effect. The agreement also provides conditions for the tariffs and payment of fees. These new rates have been approved under BC 441/2024. The noteworthy conditions of the agreement include:

- The truckers are bound to charge the consumers a price that is set by the Public Entity.



- The truckers will charge the consumer a price of USD\$35.00 per 1,000 gallons of trucked water based on additional subsidy
- OLS will pay the trucker USD \$0.05 per 1,000 gallons of trucked RO Water to bridge the gap between the consumer price and trucking fee.
- The truckers will be required to sign off on the meter readings and subsequent charges monthly, in order to receive the payment from the Finance Department.
- The contract is drafted in such a way that new tariffs can be implemented without signing a new contract.
- The validity period is three years.
- For the truckers to continue providing water they will need to sign the contract and settle or have a payment plan in place for any outstanding debt.

Decision:

Approved.

4.0.0 Formalities

Attachment:

MR Sacred Heart School

5.0.0 Incoming pieces/Requests (on paper)

Application Housing and Tuition Allowance (288/2024)

Application submitted for housing and tuition allowance for study abroad.

Decision:

In agreement with advice

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6.0.0

Announcements

1. Governor Johnson
2. Commissioner Zagers
3. Commissioner Heyliger
4. Acting Island Secretary van der Kaap

7.0.0

Signing

8.0.0

Closing