



## Decision List BC Meeting 07/23/2024

<b>Subtitle</b>	Weekly BC Meeting
<b>Date</b>	07/23/2024
<b>Time</b>	9:00 – 12:00
<b>Location</b>	Courtroom
<b>Chair</b>	Governor Johnson
<b>Attendees</b>	Eviton Heyliger, Jonathan Johnson and Bruce Zagers

### 1.0.0 **Welcome**

### 2.0.0 **Minutes**

*Attachment:*

BC Meeting Minutes 16-7-2024

BC Minutes 25.2024

*Decision:*

Approved

### 3.0.0 **Discussion papers**

#### 3.0.3 **Absolute Childcare (second) Summer Intern**

Absolute Childcare received another open application for a Summer Internship. The applicant is 15 years old and a student at the Saba Comprehensive School. She has previously completed job training at our Childcare Center and showed great enthusiasm for working with children, and she performed well.

*Attachment:*

Dossier 554 cover.pdf

BC Proposal ABC additional Summer Intern

Application Letter Sheryl Pardo

*Decision:*

Approved.



### 3.0.5

#### **Additional Storage Location Saba Splash**

Saba Splash has been in operation since November 2021. The majority of our bottles are stored at St. Johns during batch days. Saba Splash has recently received an order of 2,000 new bottles that are being stored at the Fort Bay (old power plant location of Saba Electric). It has become clear that the location at Fort Bay is not safe for storage as during passing storms the location becomes inaccessible and large swells could enter the storage facility causing damage to the bottles. This safety risk cuts off our access to our extra water supply and may lead to the loss of bottles. Therefore, we have secured additional storage at the Hells Gate Community Center (Old Lace Room location). We aim to store approximately 400–500 bottles at this new location.

Furthermore, Saba Splash is part of the Emergency Support Function for Water. By law, Saba Splash must store 2,000 bottles for our community during hurricane season. As part of our ESF we need each village to have a stock of water in case of crisis. With this additional storage, we will be able to distribute our stock across different villages more effectively. We will be able to maintain a stock of bottles in three of the four villages.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### 3.0.6

#### **Airport EDU prefinance request**

A request (BC122.24) for financial support of €72,600 was sent to the ministry of I&W, whereby a letter of intent supporting our request for financial support was received on May 31, 2024, as a form of commitment. It is known that it will take quite some time until the funds are received, therefore it is proposed to the BC to allocate prefinancing funds that would enable the training agenda to be executed. The training agenda will be adjusted according to availability and scheduling, keeping in line with the components and staff needs.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### 3.0.8

#### **Attendance of CCEC conference**

In October, Curacao will host the second Caribbean Climate and Energy Conference (CCEC). While an official invitation has yet to be circulated,



the Ministries of I&W and KGG have confirmed the dates of the conference (Oct. 7 – 9). Currently, there is only 1 airline providing flights between St. Maarten and Curacao. Consequently, flights are beginning to fill up months ahead already. The next BC meeting will take place at the end of August. This will very likely be too late to make the necessary travel arrangements. This proposal is being submitted now to ensure a delegation from the PES is able to fly to Curacao in time for there to be representation from Saba at the CCEC.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.1.1 CLA Salary Increases**

In light of the new Collective Labor Agreement (CLA) for 2024–2026, the Public Entity Saba will implement changes that will impact the salaries of all employees. These changes will take effect with the June salary, retroactive to January 2024.

**\*\*Structural Changes in Salary for All Civil Servants:\*\***The Public Entity Saba has developed a new salary table that aligns with the RCN salary table. Every salary scale and step will see an increase, though the exact increases will vary by scale and step. Employees will see the specific changes reflected in their June salary pay slip. See attached new salary table and table with percentages that each has increased.

**\*\*Extra Payment in June:\*\***In addition to the general increase in monthly salaries, two additional payments will be made in June. The changes in salary will be retroactively applied, covering the months of January, February, March, April, May, and June. This adjustment will result in a one-time extra payment in the June salary additional to this each employee that was employed on or before February 1st 2024 will receive a one-time net reward of \$750 (netto).

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.1.4 Food security proposal**

Over the past years a momentum was created in food security through different initiatives focused on increasing local food production. Attached proposal describes several steps that can be taken this year to expand the Public Entity's efforts. It includes expansion of the hydroponics farm,



an increased supply of fruit trees through the reforestation project, and several smaller initiatives to facilitate animal husbandry and backyard farming.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.1.7 Island Council information letter Infrastructure and Spatial Planning July 2024**

With attached letter the Executive Council informs the Island Council on a number of developments in the fields of infrastructure and spatial planning:

1. Spatial Development Programme Caribbean Netherlands
2. Consultation Postcodes Caribbean Netherlands
3. Inspection report on Licencing, Supervision and Enforcement June 2024
4. Housing Fund (Volkshuisvestingsfonds)

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.2.0 Participation in Climate Finance Forum**

Saba has been invited to participate in the Green Overseas Climate Finance Forum organized in Brussels from October 7–11 this year. This is a great opportunity to strengthen the network in Europe and develop a better understanding of the funding opportunities for climate measures on Saba. Attached are the invitation and a two–pager with more information about the event.

Saba can send up to 3 delegates. The costs associated with their participation will be covered by the Green Overseas Programme. While travel and accommodation costs are covered, it is unsure if daily allowance and transportation allowance are included as well. This means there might be some costs related to the visit.

*Decision:*

Approved.



### **3.2.2 Request for Two Full Time Taxi Licenses**

The Tourist Bureau has received requests for taxi licenses and currently there are 8 full-time drivers and 5 on-call drivers. Some challenges we have and risks are that the full-time drivers are not all reliable, high age, or prone to vehicle breakdowns, sick leave, or off-island. To mitigate these risks and prepare for the high season, the Tourist Bureau requests the opening of 2 full-time taxi licenses for new applicants.

We need reliable full taxi drivers, Saban ambassadors, drivers that also our partners can rely on. Also, we need to mitigate the risks and prepare to have additional drivers in case the current ones are absent. Having the request advertised publicly will also provide the BC with potential candidates and the Tourist Bureau will be able to advise better on the two taxi requests at the moment received.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.2.3 Response to proposal postcode range Caribbean Netherlands**

The introduction of postal codes was one of the topics of the Task Force Bottlenecks Caribbean Netherlands, which was established in September 2022. Last June, the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations published an advisory report. This report describes the benefits of the introduction of postal codes for the Caribbean Netherlands and three variants. In the report, it is recommended to opt for variant 2, which uses the range 0000AA-0999ZZ.

With attached response letter the Executive Council agrees with the proposed variant and the outlined roadmap for implementation of postal codes.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **4.0.0 Formalities**

### **5.0.0 Incoming pieces/request (on paper)**



- 6.0.0**            **Announcements**
1. Governor Johnson
  2. Commissioner Zagers
  3. Commissioner Heyliger
  4. Island Secretary Streppel

**7.0.0**            **Signing**

**8.0.0**            **HRM Presentation Learning and Development Plan**

**9.0.0**            **Closing**