



Decision List BC Meeting April 1, 2025

Subtitle	Weekly BC meeting
Date	04/01/2025
Time	9:00 – 12:00
Location	Courtroom
Chair	Governor Johnson
Attendees	Eviton Heyliger, Shamara Nicholson and Bruce Zagers
Absentees	Jonathan Johnson

1.0.0 Welcome

2.0.0 Minutes

Attachment:

BC Meeting Minutes 25-03-2025

BC Minutes 12.2025

Decision:

BC Minutes approved.

3.0.0 Discussion papers

3.0.2 Adjustment of Landing Fees

This proposal is to inform Winair and National Helicopters of an adjustment to their landing fees, effective January 2025. During a recent review with the startup of the Airlink Software for the tower, it was discovered that the landing fees for Winair and National Helicopters have been undercharged in past years. While no retroactive corrections will be made, the appropriate fee will be applied moving forward as of January 2025. This will result in a correction for January 2025.

As published in the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) and based on the Maximum Takeoff Weight (MTOW), the landing fee will be adjusted from \$16.76 to \$23.70 (Winair) and from \$15.00 to \$25.00(National Helicopter) to align with the correct fee structure.



Decision:

In agreement with advice from Legal -> BC proposal approved

3.0.5 Assistance with Cost Calculations Water Budget 2026

The water management budget requires annual cost calculations to finalize expenses for both the Reverse Osmosis (RO) water and Saba Splash. These calculations provide essential insights into sales, demand, and projected growth, ensuring accurate forecasting and informed decision-making.

Since 2016, F. Elgers has supported Public Entity Saba with financial expertise through Vitens Evides International (VEI) during the preparation and implementation of the reverse osmosis (RO) water line project. The last visit with VEI in November 2024 focused on finalizing cost calculations and transferring his knowledge to the policy advisors of water.

To ensure proper knowledge transfer and maintain the accuracy of the work, the services of Elgers Finance & Control are required for assistance with the cost calculations and water management budget for 2026, as a final review of the completed calculations.

Decision:

BC Proposal approved.

3.0.6 Bijzondere Uitkering Aanpak Energiearmoede Saba

We would like to seek approval for the allocation of 2024 Special Grant Aanpak Energiearmoede Saba balance towards 2025 budget. Together with the Energy Subsidy (implemented in collaboration with SEC) these funds are the main source of energy poverty alleviation on Saba. The balance of 2024 can be put towards investing in sustainable energy saving appliances and thereby relieving low-income households from financial burden of high energy costs.

Decision:

BC proposal approved.

3.0.7 Contract Carlos Franco Cortes Juliana Sport Field Renovation



As discussed in Dossier 845, the Juliana's sport Field needs to be renovated. This BC Proposal is intended to have the contract approved.

We received 2 quotes and Carlos Franco was chosen because of the difference in amount between each other. (\$113,946.82 / \$104,312.00)

Decision:

BC proposal approved.

3.0.8 Contract Luis Construction New Steps Technical school

As discussed in dossier 923, the entrance of the Technical School posing a safety hazard. Some tiles on the steps are broken, this could lead to an accident. This BC Proposal is intended to have the contract approved for Luis Construction.

Decision:

BC Proposal and contract approved.

3.1.1 Purchase of Truck for Waste Mgmt./Recycling Collection

As part of the NEPP priorities for Saba, a Waste Management Continuity and Professionalization Project Proposal was developed by Public Entity Saba, requested (Attachment 1, BC 217.24) and approved for funding from IenW for the short-term priorities outlined. Among those priorities is the purchase of two additional garbage trucks to supplement the current waste management department vehicle fleet. The current vehicles frequently break down and require costly repairs; these will ultimately need to be replaced.

After purchasing the first truck via a supplier in Japan earlier this year, the Waste Management department head has located a second appropriate truck; the proforma is attached (Attachment 2). This open back truck costs \$52,600. The estimated total cost, with shipping and ABV will ultimately be close to \$65,000. This smaller, less expensive second vehicle purchase allows PES to stay within the overall projected budget while still achieving the originally intended outcomes.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.



3.1.2

Blues and Blues/Makana PSO

At the end of 2023, Public Entity Saba received a subsidy amount of \$1 million on its free allowance for the purpose of continued connectivity between the islands of Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Maarten. The intention of the funds was to continue the pilot ferry service of the Makana ferry for an additional 2 years, i.e. 2024 and 2025. This is a proposal for the signing of the agreement for 2025.

Decision:

BC Proposal approved.

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Formalities

5.0.0

Incoming pieces/request (on paper)

6.0.0

Announcements

1. Acting Governor Nicholson
2. Commissioner Zagers
3. Commissioner Heyliger
4. Island Secretary Streppel

7.0.0

Signing

8.0.0

Closing