



Decision List BC Meeting January 14, 2025

Subtitle	Weekly BC meeting
Date	01/14/2025
Time	9:00 – 12:00
Location	Courtroom
Chair	Governor Johnson
Attendees	Eviton Heyliger, Jonathan Johnson and Bruce Zagers

1.0.0 Welcome

2.0.0 Minutes

Attachment:

BC Meeting Minutes 07-01-2025

BC Minutes 01.2025

BC Meeting Minutes 3-12-2024

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3.0.0 Discussion Papers

3.0.1 Budget division 2024 NEPP budget

In August 2024, a request was sent to the NEPP steering group for funds capacity and several projects within the NEPP (Dossier 580). The budget for waste management and the groundwater study were made available by lenW via special allowances. The budget for the other items in the list were made available by BZK with an addition to the free allowance.

The total budget received by BZK for NEPP is \$2,271,182, which is \$27,818 lower than the approved amount. This may be related to the transfer of the funds from LVVN to BZK in combination with currency conversion rates used. It is advised to compensate the difference through the budgets for rainwater management and education and awareness.

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3.0.2 **Hunting mission Q1**

In November and December last year, a team of Swedish invasive species hunters was on Saba for an intensive hunting mission focusing primarily on the removal of free roaming goats. Additionally, the hunters assisted with the removal of non-native iguanas from the island (Dossier 652). As the mission was very successful on both invasive species, it is advised to follow up with a next hunting mission on the short term. This mission will again focus on the removal of free-roaming goats, but will also provide room to address other invasive animal species, specifically non-native iguanas, feral cats and chickens.

For the removal of non-native iguanas, an iguana expert will be brought in to assist with locating the non-native specimens. The removal of cats will be done on close collaboration with SCF. Chickens will only be removed from targeted areas to reduce population pressure.

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3.0.3 **Participation workshop Climate Resilience Mainstreaming**

Early 2024 the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy – together with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations, and the respective island governments – have developed a climate agenda for the six Caribbean islands. As a follow up, the Public Entity Saba is now working on a climate plan that targets specific climate challenges on Saba. Over the past year, climate change has been receiving increasing interest in policy making. This has led to increased funding opportunities in Europe.

Saba has been invited to participate in the workshop Climate Change Resilience Mainstreaming that will take place in Brussels, taking place from February 25th to 28th, 2025. This is a valuable opportunity to strengthen our network in Europe and gain insights into how to incorporate climate change-related risks into public policies. The invitation and a two-page summary with further details about the event are attached.

Saba is allowed to send up to three delegates, with the costs of their



participation covered by the Green Overseas Program. Within the NEPP team, there are three project leaders focusing on climate, and due to availability, two members will attend the workshop.

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3.0.8 Training Social Work software

In 2024, the WIZportaal software was introduced to the team of social workers. The system supports delivery of services in the areas of social work, youth care, implementation of WMO. With this software, social workers are supported with integrated and user-friendly tools for more efficient cooperation and better care delivery. It will help storing client data and keeping track of support offered and individual development processes, as well as exchanging data with other service providers on Saba. With this new system in place, administration will be handled more efficiently.

For optimal use of the system, all users of the software system will have to receive training. The goal of the training is for users of the system will get full insight in the features of the WIZportaal software, leading to better service delivery, improved data collection and reduced time spent on administrative tasks.

In February/March 2025, a trainer will visit Saba to host a 3-day training for all users of this system – a group consisting of social workers and relevant project support staff.

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3.0.9 Vacancy Advisor Planning & Control

With the recent appointment of one of the 2 advisors within the P&C team to the new Team Leader of Planning and Control, the position of Financial Advisor has become vacant. The Financial Advisor position is critical to maintaining the team's operational effectiveness, supporting the Team Leader, and ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality financial planning and reporting. To address this gap, we propose the creation of a vacancy for the position of Financial Advisor within the P&C Team.

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4.0.0 Formalities

5.0.0 Incoming pieces/request (on paper)

6.0.0 Announcements

Island Governor Johnson
Commissioner Zagers
Commissioner Heyliger
Island Secretary Streppel

7.0.0 Signing

8.0.0 Closing