



## Decision List BC Meeting November 26, 2024

<b>Subtitle</b>	Weekly BC Meeting
<b>Date</b>	11/26/2024
<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 12-11-2024

BC Meeting Minutes 20-11-2024

BC Minutes 38.2024

*Decision:*

Approved.

### 3.0.0 **Discussion papers**

#### 3.0.1 **Beautification Entrances Administration Building**

Plans are underway to revamp the entrances surrounding the Administration Building in The Bottom. The aim of the project is to create a permanently inviting space for residents not only when visiting the main government building, but also simply to enjoy and meet each other while celebrating nature and promoting biodiversity. Mid-October 2024, the design was presented to the public, which resulted in a positive response. Start of the works depends on the availability of contractors but is expected in January 2025. The project will be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2025.



*Decision:*

In agreement.

### **3.0.2 Educational Work Trip Statia**

Domestic Safety Advisor is requesting permission to organize an educational work trip to St. Eustatius (Statia) for five participants from the Safety Network stakeholders who work with the Protection Code. The Ministry of VWS has granted the Advisor the permission to organize a 'Train the Trainer' course focusing on elder abuse. To minimize costs, Saba and Statia have collaborated to host this training in Statia.

This program is designed for professional who work with the elderly and aim to share their expertise with colleagues on this critical subject. As part of this collaboration, we have invited five participants from Saba to join the training. Additionally, colleagues from Statia will also participate. Upon completion all participants will be accredited trainers in elder abuse. This initiative aims to strengthen expertise on the Protection Code within the professionals on Saba, enhance the ability to support and protect the elderly effectively.

Expenses will be covered by Ministry of VWS.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.0.4 NMNM Conference in Strasbourg**

In preparation for the ratification and implementation process of the Istanbul Convention, the No Mas No More working group has been in contact with the Representative of the Netherlands to the Council of Europe since February of this year. The Council of Europe has extended an invitation to the No Mas No More working group to participate in a mini conference in Strasbourg this December.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.0.6 Proposal funding for climate plan, action agenda & information campaign**

Saba is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to its size, location within the hurricane belt and its dependence on global production and supply chains. The PES will develop a climate plan and



action agenda, which will focus primarily on adaptation measures, to improve Saba's self-sufficiency for it to better face climate change. The PES will hire a consultant with the relevant expertise to help develop the climate plan and action agenda. The PES will also carry out an information campaign aimed at increasing local knowledge and educating residents about the primary and secondary impacts of climate change. The information campaign will provide the basis for the landing of the climate plan and help increase support for it. A proposal has been prepared to send to the Ministry of Climate Policy and Green Growth (KGG) to acquire the funding needed to develop the climate plan, action agenda and information campaign.

*Decision:*

Approved. In agreement with advice from FEZ.

### **3.0.7 Provision of Food Basket**

Food basket program is designed to provide support to families of low-income homes with a particular focus on ensuring children have access to nutritious foods and snacks. This approach recognizes some families, even if they are above the minimum wage salary, may struggle to consistently provide nutritious meals for their children due to various factors, such as high cost of living, food accessibility lack of knowledge about lack of knowledge about healthy eating.

With this proposal we would like to provide incidental funding for Oct-Dec 2024 to the Saba Lion's to continue with their efforts in providing monthly food baskets for the remainder of 2024.

In 2025, we will have to allocate budget from the Social Domain poverty budget if the Council and department wishes to continue with this outreach program. Quite a few families depend on this fo basket thus, we should consider a reservation of funds in 2025 for this initiative.

The amount that the budget can allocate is \$10,000, this was pre-communicated with the Saba Lion's Club representative, who agreed. The remaining balance will be covered by the Saba Lion's Club.



The budget allocated is the Social Domain Poverty reduction, which is in line with the request of Food Baskets. The Social Workers provide input in which families are in need to receive this service an the Saba Lion's Club

*Decision:*

Approved.

**3.0.9 Urgent: Social Work Training 22–26 Nov**

An invitation was received to attend the upcoming Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT) training scheduled for November 22–26, 2024, on St. Maarten. This 4–day training presents a unique opportunity for personal and professional development. It will add to the quality of service provision to social work clients.

*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. Acting Island Secretary van Duin

**7.0.0 Signature**

**8.0.0 Closing**