



## Decision List BC Meeting February 11, 2025

<b>Subtitle</b>	Weekly BC meeting
<b>Date</b>	02/11/2025
<b>Time</b>	9:00 – 12:00
<b>Location</b>	Courtroom
<b>Chair</b>	Governor Johnson
<b>Attendees</b>	Jonathan Johnson and Bruce Zagers
<b>Absentees</b>	Eviton Heyliger

### 1.0.0 Welcome

### 2.0.0 Minutes

*Attachment:*

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Approved.

### 3.0.0 Discussion Papers

#### 3.0.1 2025 SZW Special Grant Employment Opportunities

The Community Development and Culture Department closely collaborates with Saba Reach Foundation on labor market integration, with the Saba Reach Foundation implementing the program that supports meaningful and sustainable employment for up to 35 social work clients. Clients have access to job coaches (3fte) for personalized guidance within both the sheltered Social Work program and in the general labor market. Additionally, Skills Development workshops are offered to enhance participants' employability through training in areas such as workplace etiquette and CV writing. To encourage employer participation, a Wage Cost Subsidy is available as a financial incentive for hiring individuals from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, thereby promoting clients' sustainable integration into the regular workforce.



With this proposal we seek permission to allocate the available SZW special grant toward Employment Opportunities.

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Approved.

### **3.0.2 Addendum to Execution Agreement SEC & OLS**

On April 24th, 2023, an Execution Agreement was signed between the Public Entity and Saba Electric Company with BC Number 168/2023. The purpose of the Execution Agreement was to allow for the transfer of funding from the Public Entity Saba to Saba Electric Company. This funding, allocated for local energy production, was provided by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate (beschikking DGKE-DE/22315162) and the European Union.

To support the increased production of renewable energy within budgetary constraints, an additional subsidy request (BC 429/2024) was submitted to the Ministry of Climate Policy and Green Growth. In response, the ministry approved additional funding of \$2,280,157.60 (beschikking KGG/87573208). Of this amount, \$1,824,126.08 has already been deposited into OLS's account.

To comply with the conditions of the beschikking, OLS must transfer the amount to SEC within a reasonable amount of time. Once the addendum has been signed by both parties, the transfer can take place.

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Approved.

### **3.0.8 Livestock control 2025 – 2026**

At the end of 2024 PES received additional funding from LVVN and BZK to continue the livestock control project with two years. The proposed approach for this next phase of the project was developed in close consultation with the Ministry of LVVN. Key element in the approach is the deployment of invasive species hunters on a recurring basis and use of specialist techniques to efficiently locate and cull the remaining free-roaming livestock. A start with this approach was already made last year



with assistance from invasive species hunters from Sweden, which was very successful. A next mission is currently ongoing (Dossier 783).

While the project primarily focuses on the deployment of invasive species experts, the budget also gives room for some conditional matters that are required for the longer-term success of the livestock control project. These are:

- Materials and enforcement capacity for the implementation of an Identification and Registration system. This is needed to minimize the risk of livestock escaping of being released in the future;
- Continued operations at the butcher station. This is needed to ensure that goats that can be retrieved, can be properly processed, and to facilitate responsible animal husbandry on the island;
- Communication. More extensive communication on the goat project is needed to strengthen the local understanding for the project and counter the spread of misinformation.

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### 3.0.9

#### **NHC Attendance**

The National Hurricane Conference is a forum for education and professional training in hurricane and disaster preparedness. Attending this conference will provide insights into hurricane preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation, which are crucial for our airport's operations. The conference offers workshops and training sessions on various topics including: Strategies to efficiently manage airport evacuations during hurricanes; Best practices for immediate actions during and after a hurricane to ensure safety and operational continuity; Approaches to restore airport functions post-hurricane, minimizing downtime; Ensuring the resilience of airport utilities during extreme weather events.

Proposal for Airport Manager's Attendance at the National Hurricane Conference. Attending the conference will enhance the Airport Manager's ability to improve emergency response plans with insights to new ideas and recommended policies for port authorities.



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- 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                      Closing**
- 9.0.0                      Court Petitions Presentation by Peter Groeneveld @ 11am**