



## BC List BC Meeting January 7, 2025

<b>Subtitle</b>	Weekly BC meeting
<b>Date</b>	01/07/2025
<b>Time</b>	9:00 – 12:00
<b>Location</b>	Courtroom
<b>Chair</b>	Shamara Nicholson
<b>Attendees</b>	Eviton Heyliger, Shamara Nicholson and Bruce Zagers
<b>Absentees</b>	Jonathan Johnson

### 1.0.0 Welcome

### 2.0.0 Minutes of the last BC

*Attachment:*

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*Decision:*

Approved

### 3.0.0 Discussion papers

#### 3.0.1 Budget Department of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning 2025

Budget '60021015 Planningbureau' covers the general expenses of the Department of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning. The Finance section of this proposal outlines the budget, costs centers and the proposed use of the funds. The department requests the approval of this budget proposal. Approving the budget proposal for the department's expenses will streamline the organization's processes and reduce the need for approval of individual invoices. Any salary changes, hiring, contract assignments and travel costs will be submitted for approval in separate BC proposals.

*Decision:*

Approved.

#### 3.0.2 Increase of Taxi Rates



The Tourist Bureau organized a meeting with the taxi drivers on June 27, 2024, taxi drivers have been informing that the taxi rates need to be adjusted. During the meeting 7 taxi drivers attended, and 3 did not attend. Legal department was involved in order to write the island decree and that is now attached.

The last time the rates were adjusted was on November 22, 2021 and prior to that it was 2017. Taxi Drivers have informed that gas prices, car parts, and maintenance have increased in the past two years and would like the taxi rates to be looked into and adjusted based on the feedback they provided. Rates suggested increased by \$1-\$3.00. Taxi's cannot increase the prices on their own and therefore they need to be approved by BC.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### 3.0.3

#### **Decision childcare property for building of new childcare facility**

OLS in collaboration with PMCN will build a new childcare facility for Saba that will house Absolute Childcare and the Saba Girls & Boys Sports Society. This project was already approved, and financing will be a joint effort between OLS (via funds from the Ministry of SZW) and PMCN.

On October 1st, 2024 OLS obtained a property after more than a year of uncertainty as a result of deficiencies in the authority of the sellers to dispose of the property. Because of this long period of uncertainty, OLS started looking into an alternative property. This property has not been obtained by OLS, but the owner is willing to sell.

There are pros and cons to both properties and different stakeholders have different perspectives and opinions on which property is most suitable for childcare. Both options were discussed in various meetings and presentations to the BC and the Island Council.

We have reached the point where a definitive decision needs to be made, so we can move forward with the design and planning of the new childcare facility. To this end, we asked PMCN to do a SWOT analysis for both properties which is attached to this BC proposal.



*Decision:*

Approved – BC is in agreement for the Wathey property. The BC wants to discuss how the old Building can be preserved and incorporated in the building plan.

### **3.0.4 Black Rocks Harbor Coral Rehabilitation and Compensation Plan**

On 30 October 2023, the Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management granted a permit (Besluit RWS–2023/43860) for the construction of 'Black Rocks Harbor'. Public Entity Saba is the 'vergunninghouder' (permit holder) and must comply with all requirements and obligations attached to this permit.

One of the permit requirements ('Voorschrift 5') is to submit information to Rijkswaterstaat Zee en Delta about the coral rehabilitation and compensation measures. Attached letter and annexes provide Rijkswaterstaat with all the required information, including the mitigation measures for protected corals; the compensation measures and the compensation areas.

*Decision:*

Approved.

### **3.0.5 Revised Vacancy Finance Policy Employee (Debt Collection)**

A new vacancy position was approved specific to debt collection by way of dossier 693 (BC meeting 29 October 2024). This proposal serves as a revision of the approved vacancy and its text, providing updated details for informative purposes to the Executive Council. Following advice from the VNG financial consultant and discussions with the expert consultant for the HR21 function house and HRM, the position's name and description have been revised to reflect these expanded responsibilities. The proposed position, Financial Policy Employee (Debtor Administration and Collections), will focus on policy development, compliance oversight, and proactive debt management to maintain the financial health of the Public Entity Saba. A position for debt collection was included in the formation of the Finance Department as of 1 January 2025.

*Decision:*

Approved.



**4.0.0**            **Formalities**

**5.0.0**            **Incoming pieces / Request on paper**

**6.0.0**            **Announcements**

Acting Governor Nicolson

Commissioner Zagers

Commissioner Heyliger

Island Secretary Streppel

**7.0.0**            **Signing**

**8.0.0**            **Closing**