



## Decision List BC Meeting 5/12/2023

<b>Date</b>	12/05/2023
<b>Time</b>	9:00 – 11:00
<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 of last BC Meeting

#### *Decision:*

Approved the minutes

### 3.0.0 Discussion papers

BC proposals to be discussed and decided upon jointly.

### 3.0.2 Appointment of Acting Island Secretary

In accordance with Article 129 of the WolBES, the Executive Council appoints the Island Secretary and also arranges the replacement of the Island Secretary. Mr. Bram Streppel has been appointed as island secretary as of August 1, 2023. Mrs. Maureen Hassel is shortly afterwards appointed as 1st acting island secretary. With this proposal, 3 further replacements will be appointed. These are Nicole Johnson as 2nd acting Island Secretary, Devi van Groningen as 3rd acting Island Secretary and Brenda Tjipjes as 4th acting Island Secretary. They replace the current island secretary Bram Streppel for all tasks and authorities when he is absent in the order mentioned.

#### *Decision:*

Decides that in the event of absence the Island Secretary will be replaced, in order of mention, by the following officials:

- Nicole Johnson
- Devi van Groningen
- Brenda Tjipjes





#### **3.0.4 BC Proposal Travel Island Secretary December 2023**

The island secretary has been invited to participate in the crisis management week on Bonaire on December 11 and 12 and to discuss the Ideeversa report with the CFT and the other BES Islands on December 13 and 14 at Curacao. This proposal is made to approve the travel arrangements.

*Decision:*

Approved Travel Arrangements to Bonaire & Curacao for the Island Secretary as per attached travel allowance document in appendix.

#### **3.0.6 Hiring 2fte for the Legal Department**

Legal needs to strengthen capacity. As requested in the Organizational Development Plan, Legal needs to add 2 fte – a Legal Advisor and a Legislative Lawyer.

*Decision:*

Approve the proposal and recruit and select the 2 fte

#### **3.0.9 Participation in fisheries conference St Martin**

Saba has been invited to attend a Fisheries Conference organized by the Prefecture of Saint Barthelemy and Saint Martin on December 12th. The event provides the opportunity to discuss with neighbouring islands their challenges and success stories with fisheries management and therefore, it is good to have Saba represented at the conference. Since the Policy Advisor for Fisheries is unable to attend, Programme manager of the NEPP and Government Vet would like to attend to represent Saba and to make connections at the event, discuss how to set up trade and health certifications, best practices, etc.

*Decision:*

Approve the participation in the conference and the travel costs.





### **3.1.2**

#### **Vacancies for Communication (CPR)**

The Communications and Public Relations (CPR) team is in need of additional capacity in the form of 2 positions. This capacity is to fulfil roles previously held by other persons who are no longer working on the team, but with some adjustment to the tasks.

The first vacancy is for a Communications Specialist/Advisor. This person, while also fulfilling regular communication tasks, will also work on a more strategic level for the CPR team, drafting and executing policy, making branding plans and executing projects such as the transition to more digital processes. This person will take a more leadership role within the team and will also take the lead in crisis communication.

The second vacancy is for a Communications Officer/Content Writer. This person will have a focus on the writing of high-quality press releases and general content, while also serving as a key point of contact between PES, the communication team and the Netherlands. The communications officer/Content writer will need to be able to monitor developments in the Netherlands within the political sphere, and be able to communicate this on a local level. He/she will also assist with the coordination of delegation visits.

*Decision:*

Approve the need for and the advertising of the 2 vacancies.

### **4.0.0**

#### **Formalities**

*Decision:*

Formalities approved.

### **5.0.0**

#### **Incoming Pieces / Requests**

##### **Saban student housing allowance (1299/2023)**

Request submitted for housing allowance for student due to housing crisis.

*Decision:*

In agreement with advice that student is ineligible based on the Housing and Tuition Allowance Policy





### **Request business establishment permit Saba (1306/2023)**

Application submitted for a branch license to sell bedding material such as mattresses and pillows.

*Decision:*

BC approve request for branch license

#### **6.0.0**

#### **Announcements**

Announcements:

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

#### **7.0.0**

#### **Closing**