



CABINET OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS – POST MEETING SUMMARY

His Excellency the Governor Mr. Martyn Roper, OBE, chaired the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 31st August 2021 in the Cabinet Conference Room, Government Administration Building.

All Ministers and Members of Cabinet were present with the exception of the following person who was absent with permission:

- Hon Samuel Bulgin, QC, JP, Attorney General. The Acting Attorney General, Ms Reshma Sharma attended on his behalf;

At this meeting Cabinet:

- approved the following appointment to the Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands: Ms. Kathryn Dinspel-Powell as Member;
- approved the following appointments and/or reappointments to the Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands: Mr. Rob Maass, as Director, and Ms. Caroline Barton as a Director;
- approved the following appointment to the Board of Directors of Utility Regulations and Competition (OfReg): Mr. Rudy Ebanks as Chairperson;
- approved the following appointments and/or reappointments to the Pharmacy Council: Dr Marla Barnes as Chairperson, Mr. Rudolph “Rudy” Myles as Deputy Chairperson, Mr. Todd Jefferson as Member, Ms. Winsome Jefferson as Member, Mr. Kevin Gipple as Member, and Dr Carlene Webb as Member;
- confirmed the approval given by circulation for the following reappointments to the Special Economic Zones Authority: Mr. Bryan Hunter as Chairperson, Mr. Marcus Cumber as Deputy Chairperson, Mr. Cornell Anthony Ritch as Private Sector Member, Mr. Paul Byles as Private Sector Member and Mr. Langlie Powery as Private Sector Member;
- confirmed the approval given by circulation for the following reappointment to the Law Reform Commission: Mr. Abraham Thoppil as Commissioner;
- confirmed the approval given by circulation for an increase in appropriations for the Ministry of Education for Policy Advice, Governance and Ministerial Support Services;

- confirmed the approval given by circulation for an increase in appropriations for the Ministry of Education for Other Educational and Training Assistance;
- confirmed the approval given by circulation for an increase in appropriations for the Ministry of Finance & Economic Development for Supplies and Other Items to Combat COVID-19;
- confirmed the approval given by circulation for the creation of two new allocations and an increase in appropriations for the Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure for Assistance to Farmers - Tropical Storm Grace, Cleanup, Repairs to and Enhancement of Infrastructure - Tropical Storm Grace, and Management of Public Recreational Facilities and Cemeteries;
- confirmed the approval given by circulation for an increase in appropriation for the Ministry of Health and Wellness for the purchase of operational equipment for the Department of Environmental Health;
- confirmed the approval given by circulation for an increase in appropriation for the Ministry of Health and Wellness for Other Health and Cultural Programme Assistance;
- confirmed the approval given by circulation for the purchase of land Block 107A Parcel 32 in Cayman Brac for the purpose of constructing a new High School, expanding the sporting facilities and providing safe (high and dry) land for future Cayman Islands Government emergency services;
- approved the issuance of drafting instructions to commence an exploratory draft for a single Act for Beneficial Ownership Transparency;
- approved increases in appropriations for the Parliament for Administrative & Advisory Support to Members of the Parliament and Constituency Allowance;
- approved an increase in appropriations for the Ministry of Education for an increase of the scholarship award for local 'A' level studies to meet the increased 'A' level tuition at private school providers;
- approved an increase in appropriations for the Ministry of Education to meet the increased demand for scholarships and support the decision to prepay a percentage of scholarships for the spring 2022 semester;
- approved an increase in appropriations for the Ministry of Education to provide free school meals to public primary and Lighthouse School students for the 2021 Fall Semester;
- approved an increase in appropriations for the Ministry of Education to reinstate funding to all registered Private Schools in the Cayman Islands for 2021;
- approved an increase in appropriations for the Ministry of Education for the standard scholarship award for overseas postgraduate studies (Masters or PhDs);

- approved an increase in appropriations for the Ministry of Education for the award of a single payment to Caymanian scholarship recipients to go toward the costs of obtaining student visas at the embassies of the United States of America (USA) or Canada to be able to attend educational institutions in those countries;
- approved increases in appropriations for the Ministry of Investment, Innovation, & Social Development for Land and Watersports Tour Operators Business Stipend and Asset Grant Programme to support tour operators affected by the border closure; to provide assistance to additional small and micro businesses in sub sectors of the tourism industry similarly affected by the border closure; to provide housing repair assistance following the impact of Tropical Storm Grace and to fund Social Development and Support;
- approved an increase in appropriations for the Portfolio of the Civil Service for Health Insurance for Civil Servant Pensioners;
- approved the grant of two conditional exemptions from the gainful occupation requirements of non-Caymanians pursuant to Section 53 (1) (b) of the Immigration (Transition) Act, 2018;
- noted the Tax Exemption Statistics for June and July 2021;
- noted the Financial Results and Position for the 7-month period ended 31 July 2021.

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