



VIRGIN ISLANDS PORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING ACTIONS LIST

*** SPECIAL MEETING ***

September 24, 2024

CHAired BY WILLARD JOHN, CHAIR OF THE BOARD
VIPA Administrative Building, St. Thomas and via Zoom

Board Members

1. Willard S. John, St. Croix – **CHAIRMAN**
2. Derek A. Gabriel, Commissioner of DPW – **VICE CHAIR**
3. Kevin Rodriguez, USVIEDA Chairman – **SECRETARY**
4. Joseph B. Boschulte, Commissioner of Tourism (**absent**)
5. Gordon Rhea, Esq., Attorney General Nominee
6. Leona A. Smith, St. John
7. Celestino A. White Sr., St. Thomas
8. *St. Croix Resident – Position Unfilled*
9. *St. Thomas Resident – Position Unfilled*

Board Staff

1. Tonya Pickering, Internal Auditor

VIPA Staff Present

1. Carlton Dowe, Executive Director
2. Bill Rawlins, Assistant Executive Director
3. Anise Hodge, Deputy Executive Director
4. Julice Holder, Chief of Staff
5. Catherine Hendry, Esq., Legal Counsel
6. Vincent Frazer, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney
7. Diane Richardson, HR Director
8. Preston Beyer, Director of Engineering
9. Deborah Washington, Property Manager
10. Ava Penn, Director of Financial Affairs
11. Nicole Scatliffe, IT Director
12. Tafari Nelson, Engineering Project Manager
13. Jerome Sheridan, Territorial Airport Mgr.
14. Joseph Cranston Jr., Marine Manager STT/J
15. Mario Pinder, LAN Support Specialist
16. Monifa Brathwaite, Public Info. Officer

Via Zoom

17. Lilita Seaton, Senior Compliance Officer
18. Nia Gumbs, Financial Affairs Assistant
19. Chanee Chalon, Payroll Manager
20. Queen Ivory Rhasba, Accountant
21. Dean Plaskett, Territorial Director of Facilities Management

VIPA Consultant

Frasca – Larry Belinsky

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Marine Tariff Amendments – St. Thomas/St. John District Cruise Ship Fee Increases

Authorized the Executive Director to:

- Increase wharfage fees by 44 cents per passenger for cruise ships entering St. Thomas effective no later than April 2025. This increase will fund VIPA marine operations and expenses.
- Increase ship dues by \$3 per passenger for cruise ships entering St. Thomas to fund the Charlotte Amalie Harbor Dredging Project effective no later than April 2025.
- Both actions will be presented to the public via a public hearing that will be held in October 2024.

VIPA Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget

Accepted the \$199 Million Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed VIPA Capital and Operating Budget.

