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WAPA Governing Board Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2023

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority’s (“WAPA” or “Authority”) Regular Governing Board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 9:30AM. The meeting will be held via video conference at the Sunny Isles Business Office 2nd Floor Conference Room and is open to the public.

A recent court order was issued upholding legislation that addresses the composition of the Authority’s Governing Board (the “Board”). After thorough legal review, the Governing Board and Legal Counsel confirm that the Governing Board structure is legally compliant after reflecting the removal of Joel Lee, Director of the Bureau of Internal Revenue because the legislation limits government Board membership to the Director of the Virgin Islands Energy Office. The legislation provides for six private sector members in addition to the Director of the Virgin Islands Energy Office. The Board currently includes four private sector members in addition to the Director of the Virgin Islands Energy Office. The following is a highlight of each Governing Board Member’s qualifications and experience, specific to either the energy, business, or finance industry.

Director Kyle Fleming serves as the Chairman of the Governing Board and holds a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Science in Energy Systems and carries over 10 years of Energy Industry experience through the development, deployment, and operations and maintenance of technology within the Residential, Commercial, Utility, and Industrial energy sectors. As Director of the Virgin Islands Energy Office Director Fleming is responsible for developing and implementing energy policy Territory-wide.

Hubert Turnbull serves as Chair of the Planning and Economic Committee and is a retiree of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority and former President of the Rank-And-File Union. He is a private business owner and president of TMT Sand Company which sells aggregate and construction materials on the island of St. Thomas.

Cheryl Boynes-Jackson serves as a member of the Planning and Economic committee and is a private business owner. Jackson is the Vice President of Boyson Inc., Ocean Link Enterprises and Marine Transportation Industry that schedules ferry and barge transportation and charters throughout the USVI and Puerto Rico.

Juanita Young serves as a member of the Finance and Audit Committee and holds a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering and Applied Science and has eighteen years’ experience in finance, 20+ years of accounting experience, experience as Controller, CFO, and COO.

Elizabeth Armstrong serves as a member of the Planning and Economic Committee and is a private business owner of the Buccaneer Hotel for over 40 years on the Island of St Croix.

With the conclusion of its review, the Authority will be proceeding with its monthly Regular Governing Board meeting as scheduled and looks forward to continuing efforts to improve our essential services to the people of the Virgin Islands.

TO JOIN MEETING VIRTUALLY

Link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89388938033?pwd=TTBwYVFuNjRjUHNmTGNOl1FmWDhhQT09>

Meeting ID: 893 8893 8033

Passcode: 847880

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

2. ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEM(S):

- (a) SC-24-21: Consignment Contact- No Cost Time Extension- Change Order III
- (b) SC-05-23 West Peak Energy "Exhibit C" Amendment #1
- (c) SC-33-20 Wartsila Phase II New Generation and BESS Project cost increase and time extension
- (d) St. Croix Wind Energy Power Purchase Agreement
- (e) St. Thomas Wind Energy Power Purchase Agreement

4. FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ITEMS

ACTION ITEM(S):

- (f) No Cost Time extension for SC-32-21- Comprehensive Security St. Croix VIWAPA Facilities
- (g) No Cost Time extension for SC-31-21- Comprehensive Security St. Thomas VIWAPA Facilities
- (h) VIWAPA "Excess General Liability Insurance" April 2023-April 2024 coverage

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Legal Matters

7. ADJOURNED

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About WAPA: The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government which produces and distributes electricity and drinking water to residential and commercial customers in the territory. WAPA was created by the Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands in 1964 through Act No. 1248. Today, WAPA generates electrical power at production plants on St. Thomas and St. Croix and distributes electrical service through smart grids to customers on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hassel Island, and Water Island. Potable water is distributed to almost 13,000 customers through water lines and standpipes. WAPA also has the responsibility of installing and maintaining streetlights.

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