



# CAYMAN PORT

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Port Authority of the Cayman Islands  
45A Harbour Drive  
27<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
Meeting No. 465**

A meeting of the Port Authority of the Cayman Islands Board of Directors was held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at the Port Administration Building, 45A Harbour Drive, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman, Kearney Gomez, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:15pm. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the Mr. Sammy Jackson, the first Port Director of the Port Authority.

**2. Attendance and Apologies**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Kearney Gomez – Chairman  
Mr. Arek Joseph – Deputy Chairman  
Mr. Stran Bodden (Ministry of Tourism)  
Mr. Michael Nixon – (Ministry of Finance)  
Mr. Charles Clifford – (CBC)  
Mr. Ashton Bodden, JP  
Mr. Richard Parchment  
Mrs. Jacqueline Scott-Rankine  
Mr. Joseph Woods – APD

**Apologies for Absence(s):**

Mr. Ken Thompson

**Resignation**

Mr. Robert Foster resigned from the Board due to family and work commitments.

**Invited Attendees**

Nil



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## 3. Quorum

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 17 (1) (g) of the Public Authorities Law 2017, a quorum of the simple majority of the Members who are entitled to vote were present and that the business would proceed.

## 4. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes 464 were reviewed. Mr. Arek Joseph moved that Minutes 464 be accepted and Mr. Ashton Bodden seconded. There were no objections and the minutes were accepted by all Members.

## 5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

### a) Land Offer

Mr. Charles Clifford excused himself and left the meeting room before the discussion commenced. The Lands & Survey Department had advised that the sellers of the property had agreed to PACI's terms, however, the Board upon evaluating the prevailing economic conditions, unanimously decided it was unable to proceed with the purchase.

## 6. New Business

### a) Consideration For The Use of Office Space Upstairs RWT

The APD requested for consideration to use the office space formerly occupied by Island Restaurants for Training purposes. The Director of Customs and Border Control also advised they were still interested in leasing the office space upstairs RWT that had previously been considered.

**Members unanimously approved both requests. CBC would be responsible for outfitting their unit and will pay the same rent currently being paid for their offices at the Port Administration Building.**

## 7. Other Business

### a) Cruise Tourism – Impact for the remainder of the year

The APD informed Members that PACI earned \$1.6 million from cruise operations in the first two and a half months of the year, but will lose just over \$4 million in revenue for the year 2020 due to the halt of cruise tourism because of COVID-19.

**Member, Mr. Richard Parchment enquired of the Chief Officer, Mr. Stran Bodden, for an update on the resumption of tourism. Mr. Bodden advised that Government had taken the decision that cruise tourism would remain closed until December 31, 2020.**



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## b) Financial Report

The Acting Deputy Director of Finance presented the financial report for the YTD, Jan to July, and a forecast for the remainder of 2020. The report stated that except for the first quarter of 2020, PACI will spend more than it earns each month with staff costs representing 73% of its monthly expenses. Ongoing CAPEX projects will be paid for from PACI's cash reserves. He stated that PACI will have to look toward obtaining a \$5 million overdraft in the first quarter of 2021 as its cash reserves would likely be below the 3 month reserve of operating expenses. **Member, Mrs. Jacqueline Scott-Rankine proposed placing a hold on all hiring. The APD advised that he was in the final stage of hiring 5 Port Workers from the 9 that had been previously approved, as well as the Night Ops Manager and also needed to recruit the Deputy Directors for Finance and Administration. Mrs. J. Scott-Rankine stated that she thought that the Deputy Director of Finance would be recruited by the new Port Director, plus PACI needed to await the outcome of the evaluation by POCs on PACI's transition to government's pay scales. Chief Officer Bodden and the APD confirmed that the submission had already been made to POCs. The APD asked to be allowed to hire for the approved positions as and when PACI could afford it, but Members decided that if the APD found that he needed to fill those positions, he should bring it to the Board for their consideration.**

## c) CDC Phase 2 Update

The Deputy Director of Operations gave a presentation on the progress of CDC Phase 2 expansion, which is currently 8 days behind schedule due to the heavy rains experienced by the recent passage of two nearby tropical systems. However, it was still on schedule for completion in December 2020.

**Members requested and it was agreed to provide a tour of the facility immediately before the next Board meeting.**

## d) Safety Report

The Safety Report for July 2020 was provided to members.

## e) Labour Tribunal Hearing

The APD informed the Board that PACI's attorney had advised that the Labour Tribunal hearing for [REDACTED] claim of wrongful dismissal would occur on September 22, 2020.





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**f) Infrastructure**

The APD informed members that cargo operations were running day and night presently, with general cargo discharge occurring at night and aggregate and cement discharge occurring daytime. When cruise operations resumed, it would result in some delays to aggregate and cement discharge as they would both only occur at nights when there was no general cargo ships being discharged.

**The Chairman asked for a strategic outline to be drafted giving an indication of what enhancements would be needed that would allow PACI to be able to continue operating efficiently into the future.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded and was adjourned at 3:19pm on August 27, 2020. The date of the next scheduled meeting is September 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 (now changed to September 29, 2020).

Mr. Kearney Gomez – Chairman

Mr. Joseph Woods – Recording Secretary