



Decision List BC Meeting April 8, 2025

Subtitle	Weekly BC meeting
Date	04/08/2025
Time	9:00 – 12:00
Location	Courtroom
Chair	Governor Johnson
Attendees	Eviton Heyliger, Jonathan Johnson and Bruce Zagers

1.0.0 Welcome

2.0.0 Minutes

Attachment:

BC Meeting Minutes 01–04–2025

BC Minutes 13.2025

Decision:

BC Minutes Approved.

3.0.0 Discussion papers

3.0.2 Attending the Conferences for DCALFA and CCEC

In May, Saba has been invited to two events that focus on food security, agriculture, and climate resilience. The **DCALFA Conference in Bonaire** (May 19th to 23rd) and **Climate and Energy Conference in Curacao** (May 26th to 28th). These events offer Saba a unique opportunity to network with other islands, share valuable insights, and strengthen relationships while working together on common challenges in agriculture and climate resilience. Members of the Public Entity will actively represent Saba at these events, contributing to the island's collaborative efforts in sustainable agriculture and climate resilience.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.



3.0.3

BES(t)4Kids Budgets 2025

In the past all B4K funds were included in one project funds budget. The program has now entered a new phase and we have received/ are receiving different funds for different purposes. Therefore the B4K funds have been divided into the following budgets:

BES(t)4Kids 2024 (budget: 96500003): Project funds carrying over from 2024

BES(t)4Kids 2025 (budget: 96500004): Project funds received in 2025
The B4K 2024 and 2025 budgets together are the basis for the annual B4K expenditure plan ("bestedingsplan") for the Project Funds. This plan was already submitted and approved in the B4K Steering Committee of December 12th, 2024.

BES(t)4Kids Support Structure (budget: 96500001): Funds designated for set-up of a childcare support function within the Community Development & Culture department, focused on pedagogical coaching and business operations support for childcare.

BES(t)4Kids Care Structure (budget: 96500002): Funds designated for continuation of the care structure 'pilot' within childcare together with EC2. Funds can also be used to work towards provision and implementation of 'Plus Care' requirements.

Decision:

BC proposal approved

3.0.4

BES(t)4Kids Working Conference in The Netherlands

Each year the central B4K Program organizes several Working Conferences where the Project Leaders from the BES islands and representatives from the different Ministries in NL come together to discuss and work on topics such as the new Childcare Act and supporting regulations (AmvB and Island Ordinance), Supervision, Quality improvements, Housing, and the future childcare Support Structure and Care Structure. The last Conference was in Statia in November 2024.

The next Working Conference is from June 16–19, 2025 (Monday – Thursday) in The Netherlands. The B4K Project Leader will need to attend this conference to represent Saba.



Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.0.5 Bloc Assessment training SXM

The BLOC-test provides essential data on children's movement skills and will serve as the foundation for improving PE instruction. Seeing that we have been conducting the assessment for a few years, we have been invited to attend a training facilitated by Stichting EGO, in collaboration with JOGG and VWS.

During the two-day training, participants will also take part in an online training provided by the Hogeschool van Arnhem en Nijmegen (HAN). This online session will guide participants on how to analyze BLOC-test data and apply it in real-life PE and movement education settings. Four employees of the Public Health Department & Physical Education teacher will attend this training.

The training will be held from May 11 – 12th 2025 in St. Maarten.

Decision:

BC Proposal approved

3.0.7 Phase 1 Child Focus Building

As discussed in Dossier 903, the Child Focus Building needs to be renovated. To follow up on this, two contractors were asked to submit a quote. One was chosen because of the difference in total amount. This BC Proposal is intended to have the contract approved. The work that will be done:

- Remove existing wall and floor tiles
- Demolish wall between broom closet and toilet room
- Block door with blocks and plaster
- Install showers and toilets incl. plumbing works
- Level entrance floor
- Install new wall and floor tiles
- Paint interior walls
- Clean up all materials and construction waste

Decision:

Approved.

3.1.1 Engineer Services Witteveen+Bos Black Rocks Harbor

BC628.24 approved the Contract Agreement with Ballast Nedam International Projects B.V. for the construction of Black Rocks Harbor. The contract is based on the international standard FIDIC Yellow Book for



Design & Build. Under the FIDIC contract there is an explicit role for the 'Engineer'. The Engineer's role within the FIDIC Yellow contract is as an independent third party. The Engineer ensures that joint processes, such as the change process, run smoothly and quickly. The Engineer is appointed by the Employer (Public Entity Saba).

The harbor project team requested Witteveen+Bos (W+B) to prepare a quotation for Engineer services for the Black Rocks Harbor project. W+B has been involved in the harbor project since 2017 by making designs, preparing the tender documents and coordinating the tender process. W+B has proven to be a valuable and reliable partner throughout the project. W+B's unique knowledge of the project makes it the most logical party to perform the role of Engineer. Attached is the W+B proposal for Engineer Services.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.2

Exemption Eilandtoets Black Rocks Harbor project

On 8 October 2024, Public Entity Saba (PES) and Ballast Nedam International Projects (BNIP) signed the contract for the construction of Black Rocks Harbor. Many (specialized) construction workers, project management and other supporting staff will be needed for the construction of this new harbor.

In the past, there have been challenges with obtaining work and residence permits for large construction projects, such as social housing complex Under the Hill, resulting in construction delays. Given these experiences, PES has been in contact with the IND and SZW-unit for some time about an accelerated procedure specifically for the Black Rocks Harbor project. IND and SZW have agreed to create a 'fast lane' for the Black Rocks Harbor project under certain conditions. This accelerated procedure should prevent delays in the construction of the harbor. To further accelerate the permit process, it is proposed that the Executive Council exempts the Black Rocks Harbor project from the Eilandtoets. Attached letter confirms this exemption to SZW and IND, stating that there is no local availability for these positions.

It should be noted that this exemption does not mean that the construction of the harbor has no local content. BNIP will use local subcontractors for parts of the works and PES has tendered certain landside works locally.



Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.3

Governance and mandate Black Rocks Harbor project

BC628/2024 approved the contract agreement with Ballast Nedam International Projects (BNIP) for the construction of Black Rocks Harbor. Considering the size of the project, its complexity, the (financial) risks and the involvement of a large number of stakeholders, it is important to establish a clear project governance structure. The attached governance structure was approved by the Ministries Steering Committee in The Hague last March.

One important aspect of the governance structure is to clearly define the role, responsibilities and mandate of the project director. BNIP has requested a letter confirming the mandate of the project director to act on behalf of PES. With attached letter (Attachment 2), BC confirms that the project director legally represents PES within the boundaries of the signed contracts for the harbor project. In this letter reference is made to the project governance structure.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.6

Attendance CANEYE conference

Public Entity Saba has been invited by RCN to participate in the CANEYE conference that will be organized on 7 May in Curacao. CANEYE is the association of housing foundations from the 6 Caribbean islands in the Dutch Kingdom. RCN is organizing a special day for the public entities to stimulate collaboration between the islands around social housing.

Around 20 participants are expected including commissioners from Bonaire and Statia, Bazalt Wonen and representatives from the Ministry of Housing and Spatial Planning. The program will include the consultation on the new Housing Act BES (Woningwet BES) and related housing topics.

The objectives for attending the conference are to learn what the Housing Act BES means for Saba, connect social policies on housing to the physical discussion around housing on the different islands, learn from best practices and explore collaboration in the social housing domain.



It is proposed to attend the conference with Commissioner for Housing, Deputy Island Secretary, and Senior Policy Advisor Housing.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

3.1.7 Pedagogical Coach Advanced Training in Bonaire

Early June (June 2nd–6th) of 2025, a ‘deskundigheidsbevorderingstraining’ (advanced training) is being organized in Bonaire for existing Pedagogical Coaches who already obtained the Pedagogical Coach Certification.

The knowledge gained in this training will be used to set up a framework and tools in English that the newly to be appointed Pedagogical Coach can use. There is a possibility that we will hire someone from the region (and not necessarily from NL) and that this person will not be able to do the actual Pedagogical Coach training, since it is available in Dutch only. However, the person to be hired will have a pedagogical background, so if the tools and framework are all available in English, ready to be used, coaching can still effectively take place in a manner that complies with expectations in the Childcare Law.

Decision:

BC Proposal Approved.

4.0.0 Formalities

5.0.0 Incoming pieces/request (on paper)

6.0.0 Announcements

Governor Johnson

Commissioner Zagers

Commissioner Heyliger

Island Secretary Streppel

7.0.0 Signing

8.0.0 Closing



9.0.0

Presentation of the Case System Project by Jos Prins 11:00–12:00