

CABINET AGENDA ISSUES – 16 NOVEMBER 2020

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 16 November 2020:

1. Contract;
2. Legislation;
3. Annual Reports;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Appointment of a Toll Regulator;
6. Participation in the Roundtable with Ministers of Public Security;
7. National Programme for the Environmentally Sound Management of End-of-Life Pneumatic Tyres; and
8. Reports.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Contract

Procurement of Content Access Points for Infant and Primary Schools Island Wide

Cabinet approved the award of contract in the amount of US\$433,519.80 to Royale Computers and Accessories Limited, for the provision of 886 Content Access Point (CAP) Solutions (CAPS) for infant and primary schools island wide.

The CAP is a device that allows for connectivity of other devices through its build in WIFI and Bluetooth. It assists with the connectivity between devices and the internet. The CAP was specifically developed to be used where there is limited or no internet. CAPs are equipped with a user-friendly interface that will allow for the storage of educational resources that students and teachers can access simultaneously without internet.

2. Legislation

The Independent Fiscal Commission Act, 2020

Cabinet gave approval for the Bill entitled "The Independent Fiscal Commission Act, 2020" to be introduced into the Houses of Parliament.

The Bill seeks to establish a Fiscal Commission to monitor and maintain Jamaica's adherence to the fiscal responsibility laws of the country. The proposed Commission would be established as an Independent Commission of Parliament with a clear mandate to provide the public with an informed and independent opinion on the soundness and the sustainability of Jamaica's fiscal positions and policies through the preparation and publication of specified periodic reports.

3. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Bureau of Standards Jamaica for the Financial Years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019; and
- (ii) Coconut Industry Board for the year ended 31 December 2019.

4. Board Appointments

- (i) Agro-Investment Corporation, Agricultural Marketing Corporation, and the Agricultural Support Services and Productive Projects Fund Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Ian Murray – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Willard Hylton – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Dr. Gavin Bellamy;
- 4) Mr. Vitus Evans;
- 5) Mr. Errol Green;
- 6) Ms. Arla Muschett;
- 7) Ms. Merle Donaldson; and
- 8) Ms. Petronia Colley.

- (ii) Bath Corporation

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Michael McLeod – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Kadian Francis– **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mrs. Nordine McKenzie Smith;
- 4) Ms. Melvina Phidd;
- 5) Ms. Carol Charles;
- 6) Mr. Denton Edwards; and
- 7) Mr. Julian Patrick.

- (iii) Bellevue Public Psychiatric Hospital

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Dr. Diana Thorburn–**Chairperson**;
- 2) Dr. Ishtar Govia;
- 3) Mr. Dennis Grant;
- 4) Mr. Alden Brown;
- 5) Mr. Anton Young;
- 6) Ms. Nicole Ebanks;
- 7) Professor Peter Figueroa;
- 8) Mr. Andre Marriott Blake;
- 9) Mr. Howard Chamberlain;
- 10) Ms. Bidalyn Plummer;
- 11) Mrs. Marcia Mullings Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, Bellevue Public Psychiatric Hospital – *ex officio*;

- 12) Dr. Myo Kyaw Oo, Senior Medical Officer, Bellevue Public Psychiatric Hospital – *ex officio*; and
- 13) Dr. Kevin Goulbourne, Nominee, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health and Wellness – *ex officio*.

(iv) Cinematograph Authority

Cabinet gave approval for:

- (i) the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:
 - 1) Mr. Alexander Shaw – **Chairman**;
 - 2) Mr. Kirk Buchanan – **Deputy Chairman**;
 - 3) Ms. Barbara Gottgens;
 - 4) Mrs. Nicole Jarrett Day;
 - 5) Mr. Delroy Thompson;
- (ii) the following persons to serve as members of a pool from which temporary members of the Authority may be drawn as needed, for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:
 - 1) Mr. Teddy Price;
 - 2) Mr. Glen Nelson;
 - 3) Mr. Delroy Morgan;
 - 4) Mr. Christopher Shackelford; and
 - 5) Mrs. Barbara Blake Hannah.

(v) Clarendon Alumina Production Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Norman Reid – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Dennis Wright – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Rudyard Williams;
- 4) Mr. Baron Stewart;
- 5) Ms. Pauline Reynolds;
- 6) Mr. Devon Manahan;
- 7) Ms. Lisa-Mae Gordon;
- 8) Mr. Michael Schloss;
- 9) Ms. Lilly-Mae Silvera; and
- 10) Mr. Kemoy Lindsay.

(vi) e-Gov Jamaica Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Dr. Gunjan Mansingh – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Jacqueline Sharp – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Ms. Carol Watson;
- 4) Mrs. Georgia Gibson-Henlin;
- 5) Ms. Stephanie Abrahams;

- 6) Mr. Michael House;
- 7) Mr. Andrew Nooks;
- 8) Mr. Sheldon Powe;
- 9) Mr. Justin Forbes;
- 10) Mrs. Claudine Tracey;
- 11) Ms. Yvonne Clarke;
- 12) Mrs. Erica Anderson-Grant; and
- 13) Ms. Wahkeen Murray.

(vii) e-Learning Jamaica Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Keith Duncan, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Deborah Newland – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Dr. Renee Rattray;
- 4) Ms. Monique French;
- 5) Mrs. Charmaine DeLisser;
- 6) Professor Daniel Coore;
- 7) Mr. Gordon Swaby;
- 8) Mr. John Matthew Sinclair;
- 9) Dr. Mark Nicely;
- 10) Mr. Karl Williams;
- 11) Miss Wahkeen Murray; and
- 12) Dr. Grace McLean, OD.

(viii) Financial Sector Adjustment Company Limited and the Financial Institutions Services Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mrs. Viralee Bailey-Lattibeaudiere – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. Patrick Chin;
- 3) Mr. Clive Nicholas;
- 4) Mrs. Tiva Russell-Forbes; and
- 5) Ms. Nadine Wilkins.

(ix) Island Traffic Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mrs. Jackie Lechler – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. David Baugh – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Ms. Taj-Marie Osbourne;
- 4) Mr. Allan Blair;
- 5) Mr. Conrad Ainsworth;
- 6) Dr. Janine Dawkins, Representative, Ministry of Transport and Mining – *ex officio*;

- 7) Assistant Commissioner of Police Calvin Allen, Representative, Commissioner of Police – *ex officio*;
- 8) Mr. Cecil Morgan, Managing Director, Transport Authority – *ex officio*;
- 9) Mr. Rae Parchment, Representative, National Works Agency – *ex officio*;
- 10) Ms. Pamela Wade-Folkes, Representative, Ministry of Finance and the Public Service – *ex officio*;
- 11) Mr. Dwight Wilson, Representative, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development – *ex officio*;
- 12) Mr. Douglas Webster, Trade Administrator – *ex officio*; and
- 13) Mr. Damion McLean, Representative, Persons with Disabilities – *ex officio*.

(x) Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Lloyd Pommells – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Dudley Beek – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Dr. Kavita Johnson;
- 4) Ms. Allison Cole-Philbert;
- 5) Mr. Damion Young;
- 6) Ms. Joni-Ann Mittoo;
- 7) Mr. Mark Knight;
- 8) Mrs. Georgia Hamilton;
- 9) Captain Edward Miller;
- 10) Mr. Richard Stewart;
- 11) Dr. Janine Dawkins; and
- 12) Mr. Nari Williams-Singh, Director General, Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority – *ex officio*.

(xi) Jamaica Cultural Development Commission

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Commission for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Ms. Mexine Bisasor – **Chairperson**;
- 2) Mr. George Ledgister – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Silvera Castro;
- 4) Mr. Orville Hill;
- 5) Ms. Cindy Breakspeare;
- 6) Mrs. Dorothy Carter-Bradford;
- 7) Mrs. Glennette Sinclair;
- 8) Ms. Gianna Fakhourie;
- 9) Ms. Patricia Reid;
- 10) Ms. Belinda Williams;
- 11) Mr. Phillip Clarke;
- 12) Colonel Ferron Williams;
- 13) Ms. Patrice Ricketts;

- 14) Ms. Novelette Howell; and
- 15) Mr. Alexander Shaw.

(xii) Jamaica 4-H Clubs

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Collin Virgo – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Gabrielle Hylton – **Vice Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Richard Hamilton;
- 4) Ms. Nadeen Spence;
- 5) Ms. Jennifer Mullings;
- 6) Dr. Karl Whyte;
- 7) Ms. Brittany Singh-Williams;
- 8) Mr. Darren Peart;
- 9) Mr. Levar Smith;
- 10) Ms. Tamika Peart;
- 11) Ms. Shanique Cunningham;
- 12) Dr. Clover Mattocks; and
- 13) Mr. Sujae Boswell.

(xiii) Jamaica Public Service Company Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the Minority Shareholder's Directors to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Danville Walker;
- 2) Mr. Dennis Morgan; and
- 3) Ms. Nadani Chung.

(xiv) Milk River Hotel and Spa

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Honourable William Shagoury, OJ, CD – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Courtney Murray – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Ray Sinclair;
- 4) Ms. Ethel Brown;
- 5) Mr. Max Leiba;
- 6) Ms. Wendy Thompson; and
- 7) Ms. Gis'elle O. Jones.

(xv) Montego Bay Conference Centre

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of one (1) year, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2021 as under:

- 1) Mr. Godfrey Dyer – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Trina Delisser;
- 3) Mr. Stephen Edwards;

- 4) Ms. Andrea Lyle; and
- 5) Mr. Courtney Hamilton.

(xvi) Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Richard Fonseca – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mrs. Cheryl Sylvester-James;
- 3) Ms. Nerine Small;
- 4) Miss Dionne Forbes;
- 5) Miss Christine Miller;
- 6) Mrs. Viralee Bailey-Latibeaudiere;
- 7) Mr. Brian Richardson;
- 8) Mr. Gladstone Johnson; and
- 9) Mr. Jermaine Blair.

(xvii) Postal Corporation of Jamaica

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Professor Felix Oluwole Akinladejo – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Rochelle Cameron – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Ryan Reid;
- 4) Ms. Donna-Ann Brown;
- 5) Mr. Darren Peart;
- 6) Ms. Kimala Bennett;
- 7) Mr. Paul Lewis;
- 8) Professor Sean Thorpe;
- 9) Ms. Ingrid Riley;
- 10) Mr. Stanford Graham;
- 11) Ms. Nardine Largie;
- 12) Mr. Ryan Sterling; and
- 13) Mr. Cecil McCain.

(xviii) Rural Agricultural Development Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Andrew Simpson – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Dave Powell – **Vice Chairman**;
- 3) Mrs. Olive Downer-Walsh;
- 4) Mr. Lloyd Benjamin;
- 5) Mr. Fabian Lewis;
- 6) Mr. Warren Newby;
- 7) Ms. Samara South;
- 8) Mr. Edward Muir;
- 9) Mr. Yaneke Watson;

- 10) Mr. Wayne Hays;
- 11) Dr. Derrick Deslandes;
- 12) Ms. Kelli-Dawn Hamilton;
- 13) Ms. Gabrielle Hylton;
- 14) Ms. Melissa Scott; and
- 15) Mr. Toney Ward.

(xix) Spectrum Management Authority Limited

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Edward Gabbidon – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Camille Facey – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Mr. Rakesh Goswami;
- 4) Mr. Delroy Thompson;
- 5) Mrs. Marcia Forbes;
- 6) Mr. Robert Richards;
- 7) Dr. Louis-Ray Harris;
- 8) Mr. Dalton Yap;
- 9) Mr. Merrick Marshall;
- 10) Mrs. Marsha Haughton;
- 11) Ms. Heidi Hanna; and
- 12) Mrs. Kaydian Smith Newton.

(xx) Tourism Workers' Pension Scheme Trustees

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons as Trustees for a period of one (1) year, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2021, as under:

- 1) Mr. Richard Powell – **Chairman**;
- 2) Ms. Hyacinth Lightbourne – **Deputy Chairperson**;
- 3) Honourable Daisy Coke, OJ, CD;
- 4) Mr. Clifton Reader;
- 5) Mr. Wayne Cummings;
- 6) Mr. Carlton Williams;
- 7) Mr. Danny Roberts, CD, JP; and
- 8) Mrs. Judith Ann Farmer.

(xxi) Transport Authority

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Authority for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2023, as under:

- 1) Mr. Joseph Shoucair – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Stanford Stewart;
- 3) Ms. Mexine Bisasar;
- 4) Mr. Willard Hylton;
- 5) Mr. Cecil Morgan, Managing Director, Transport Authority – *ex officio*;
- 6) Miss Shernette Sampson, Representative, Ministry of Transport and Mining – *ex officio*;

- 7) Mrs. Marlene Aldred, Solicitor General – *ex officio*;
- 8) Assistant Commissioner of Police Calvin Allen, Representative, Commissioner of Police – *ex officio*; and
- 9) Mr. Everton Hunter, Chief Executive Officer, National Works Agency – *ex officio*.

(xxii) Universal Service Fund

Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons to the Board for a period of two (2) years, with effect from 16 November 2020 to 15 November 2022, as under:

- 1) Mr. Justin Morin – **Chairman**;
- 2) Mr. Maurice Barnes – **Deputy Chairman**;
- 3) Mr. Michael Saunderson;
- 4) Mr. Karl Williams;
- 5) Mr. Patrick Ellis;
- 6) Ms. Saffrey Brown;
- 7) Ms. Gabrielle Grant;
- 8) Ms. Joy Lowe;
- 9) Ms. Nyasha Garraway;
- 10) Mr. Cecil McCain; and
- 11) Mr. Daniel Dawes.

6) Toll Regulator

Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Robin Levy, as Toll Regulator, for a period of one (1) year, with effect from 8 May 2020 to 7 May 2021, when the tenure of his appointment will expire.

The appointment of a Toll Regulator is made in accordance with section 23(1) of the Toll Road Act, 2002.

7) Participation in the Roundtable with Ministers of Public Security

Cabinet gave approval for the participation of the Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of National Security in the Organization of American States Department of Public Security (OAS/DPS) Roundtable with Ministers of Public Security held virtually Tuesday, 27 October 2020.

The OAS/DPS in coordination with the Committee on Hemispheric Security of the Permanent Council of OAS hosted a virtual session on Tuesday, 27 October 2020 with Ministers of Public Safety to establish a dialogue between the maximum authorities responsible for public safety; the webinar focused on the demands and challenges that the COVID-19 crisis imposed on citizen security, considering identification of promising practices that could be replicated in the region in a potential second wave of the pandemic. The Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of National Security was one of four Ministers responsible for public safety in the region who had been invited to participate as a panellist.

8) National Programme for the Environmentally Sound Management of End-of-Life Pneumatic Tyres

Cabinet approved the national programme for the environmentally sound management of end-of-life pneumatic tyres.

An end-of-life tyre is defined as a used tyre that could not or was not reused for its originally intended purpose and is not rethreaded; and such tyres may be used as raw material for processes, such as co-processing in cement kilns, recycling by inclusion in asphalt mix for road construction, as well as the construction of sports grounds, playground surfaces and artificial reefs.

It is anticipated that the quantity of waste tyres will increase exponentially over the next 10 years. In the absence of a national programme to effectively manage this waste stream in an environmentally sound manner, a large percentage of these tyres will continue to be stockpiled at the country's disposal sites. Recognising the serious public health and environmental risks posed by the continued stockpiling of end-of-life pneumatic tyres at the country's disposal sites, the Government has been actively seeking to identify and engage private sector partners who have the necessary capacity and technical capability to utilise the tyres in ways which could redound to the benefit of the country.

9) Reports

(i) Achievements and Impacts of the National College for Educational Leadership, 2012-2020

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the achievements and impact of the National College for Educational Leadership (NCEL) for the period 2012-2020.

The report informed that the NCEL was established in 2011 with a mandate to develop excellent leadership in public schools across the country and to provide support to them; and NCEL leads strategic initiatives to improve leadership, facilitates the provision of support and fosters local leadership networks in conjunction with the Division of School Services (DSS) in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, and serves the development needs of school leaders.

The report also informed that schools require leaders who are able to perform at optimum levels with competencies, skills, knowledge and disposition necessary to navigate complex challenges and perform in a demanding environment; qualification levels and years of experience, though critical, are not enough to prepare principals to effectively execute their duties, and the Government, through the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, recognises and affirms the need for all principals to receive continuous training in school management and leadership to assuming their positions. The report further provided information on the NCEL's alignment with international and regional standards; and the achievements and programmatic interventions of NCEL.

(ii) Parent Month – Commemorating Activities

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the staging of a series of activities by the National Parenting Support Commission (NPSC) to commemorate Parent Month 2020 throughout the month of November under the theme “Fathers Rise! Lead and Be Wise!”.

The report informed that every year, November is designated as Parent Month to raise awareness of parenting issues, affirm the virtues of responsible parenting, and expand access to parental support services nationally; and the 2020 Parent Month activities will be guided by the following pillars, ‘Fathers Rise’, ‘Fathers Lead’ and ‘Fathers Be Wise’.

The report further informed that the staging of Parent Month would feature virtually convened activities and events, in adherence to the COVID-19 protocols promulgated by the Ministry of Health and Wellness under the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) Order, 2020 pursuant to the Disaster Risk Management Act, 2015. It also informed of the five major goals to achieve the national vision for parenting: and the activities commemorating Parent Month 2020.

(iii) Youth Month 2020 – Commemorating Activities

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the execution of a series of activities to commemorate Youth Month in November 2020, under the theme “Rethink Youth: Resilient through Entrepreneurship, Training, Hope, Innovation, Networking and Knowledge”.

The report informed that each year, November is designated as Youth Month to affirm and celebrate Jamaican youth and to provide a platform for focused attention on the concerns and interests of this most critical demography. It further informed of the primary objectives of the annual commemoration of Youth Month, including the advancement of youth participation in the socio-political, economic, cultural and spiritual processes of society.

The report also informed that, due to the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, most of the activities commemorating Youth Month will be undertaken virtually, and those to be carried out in-person, will adhere strictly to the COVID-19 protocols promulgated by the Ministry of Health and Wellness under the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) Order, 2020 pursuant to the Disaster Risk Management Act, 2015. The activities to be undertaken include the Youth Month Church Service, the 11th Sitting of the National Youth Parliament, round table discussions, the Prime Minister’s National Youth Awards for Excellence, Youth Entrepreneurship Exposition, and Students’ Leadership and Governance Installation Ceremony.

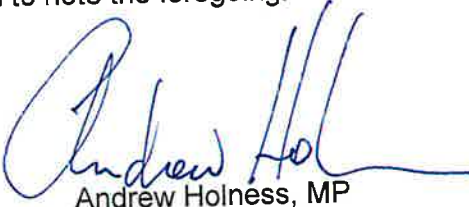
(iv) Gazetting of Schools

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information in connection with the gazetting of schools.

The report informed that the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information will be submitting for gazetting 142 infant, primary, and secondary institutions, which have been reclassified for varying reasons and are located across the seven regions of the Ministry; and the reclassification of the schools is in keeping with section 4 of the Education Regulations, 1980 which authorised the Minister responsible for education to classify schools as deemed fit, and for such classification to be published in the Jamaica Gazette.

The report further informed that, that six of the schools now being named for gazetting were previously noted by the Cabinet; however, these schools are being resubmitted for gazetting because of the realisation that they were incorrectly reclassified; the schools being submitted for gazetting resulted from the renaming of institutions, changes in school type and classification, as well as the establishment of new public educational institutions; and the schools identified for gazetting have been operating at the stated levels for at least three years and have been provided with the commensurate resources in keeping with their reclassified status.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.


Andrew Holness, MP
Prime Minister
26 January 2021