



LIST OF DECISIONS – WEEK 35

of the meeting of the Executive Council of Public Entity Sint Eustatius
held on August 26th, 2025

Present: **Governor:** Ms. M. A. U. Francis, **Commissioner:** Mr. R. Merkman,

Commissioner: Ms. R. Leerdam, **Island Secretary:** Mrs. M. A. Dijkshoorn.l.,iki

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| 1. 684/25 | Legal Affairs | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Travel request Master Class Bonaire 2025 | The Executive Council is asked to kindly approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel to Bonaire to attend the Master Class on 9 September 2025.• Cover of the travel and associated costs in accordance with the applicable provisions. | Akkoord |
| 2. 253/22 | Domein | Gov. M.A.U. Francis | Request transfer of rights to lease-land of C/A 16/1992 | Grant permission to transfer the rights to lease-land. | Akkoord |
| 3. 682/25 | Integrity Office | Gov. M.A.U. Francis | Request approval attending convention leading with integrity. | Approval for attending convention leading with integrity by integrity advisors and quartermaster of Cabinet Governor. | Akkoord |

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| 4. 567/25 | ENI | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Adjusting Claes Gut cascade fence, catchment roof maintenance and reservoir drainage and cleaning. | The Executive Council is asked to decide to : -Adjusting the current fencing to allow for better waterflow and minimizing blockages. -Approve the contracting of a third party to maintain (cleaning of) the catchment roof. -Approve preliminary work for the maintenance (emptying and cleaning) of Claes Gut catchment | Akkoord |
| 5. 568/25 | P&O | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Candidate Proposal for function helpdesk Employee ICT | To agree with the advice of the selection committee and grant P&O permission to proceed with the appointment process – terms of employment conversation – with the proposed candidate for the position of the helpdesk employee ICT. | Akkoord |
| 6. 951/24 | Commissioner's desk (Merkman) | Commissioner Merkman | Statia Green | MEMO | Akkoord |
| 7. 497/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner Merkman | Incentive structure CAFY-SSS-EUX | MEMO | Akkoord |
| 8. 633/24 | Social Domain | Commissioner Merkman | Extension Housing Allowance | Approve extension housing in allowance. | Akkoord |

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| 9. 647/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner Merkman | Extension athletes compensation | Approve the extension of student athletes. | Akkoord |
| 10. 690/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner Merkman | Request assistance with housing allowance | Approve Housing Allowance for school year august 2025- July 2026. | Akkoord |
| 11. 646/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner Merkman | Request assistance with housing allowance | Approve request for Housing allowance covering school year 2025-2026. | Akkoord |
| 12. 529/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner Merkman | Request Student Housing allowance | Approve request for Housing allowance covering school year 2025-2026. | Akkoord |
| 13. 461/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner Merkman | Housing Allowance request | Approve request for Housing allowance covering school year 2025-2026. | Akkoord |
| 14. 687/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Development and distribution of Statia Culture Books for primary Education | <p>To approve:</p> <p>The Proposal; to develop and distribute 3 educational Statia Culture Books for Primary school students as part of the Island's culture heritage education strategy.</p> <p>Total budget for \$34,812 will be allocated for budget code: from the special BU from the Culture Coaches Budget to cover writing, design, artwork</p> | Akkoord |

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| | | | | <p>licensing, translation, printing travel and project coordination.</p> <p>The books will be development in collaboration with the nonprofit organization Based in Les Fruits de Mer and distribute books in all primary school Q1 2026</p> | |
| 15. 604/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner Merkman | Proposal for Youth Entrepreneurship Workshop | Approve the implementation of the "Ignite Youthpreneurs workshop" on October 13-14 2025 on St. Eustatius | Akkoord |
| 16. 686/25 | Social Domain / Culture Department | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Cultural Exchange Between St. Eustatius and Saba – Statia Day 2025 & Saba Day 2025 | The invitation to the Saba Department of Culture to attend Statia Day 2025, with round trip travel expenses covered by the OLE and accommodation to be arranged at their own cost. This invitation also serves as a reciprocal gesture following Saba's invitation in 2024 | Aanhouden |
| 17. 689/25 | Social Domain / Culture Department | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Request for approval – Reinward Academy Intern Support for the Creation of the Statia Canon (Academic Year 2025-2026) | The Executive Council is requested to approve the submission of a proposal to the Ministry of OCW for 3 interns from the Reinward Academy Academic Year 2025 – 2026 to contribute to the execution of | Akkoord |

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| | | | | the implementation of the Canon of St. Eustatius. | |
| 18. 612/25 | Social Domain / Culture Department | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Participation in Inspiration week for Culture Coaches and Policy Advisors (OCW 20 th – 30 th September 2025) | Approval for participation of Statia’s Culture Coaches and Policy Advisor in the Inspiration Week organized by OCW in the Netherlands from 20-30 September 2025. In addition Senior Culture Coach will attend Canonetwerk & Conduct in person Meetings 11 th – 19 th of September. | Akkoord |
| 19. 600/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Approval partnering with the Spectrum Support Box Training Center. | To: -Approve the partnership with The Spectrum Support Box Training Center to deliver inclusive education training for school/daycare staff & offering hands-on parental support for children with special needs. -\$26,700 is hereby allocated from budget code: 6620.6360.005584 to fund the training program for the period of September 2025 through June 2026. -The implementation of the training program shall commence in September 2025. | Akkoord |

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| | | | | <p>-(Policy worker for Youth, Sport & Social Support) is tasked with overseeing the successful implementation of this decree, including scheduling, logistics, communication with The Spectrum Support Box, and tracking staff participation.</p> <p>-The progress and effectiveness of the training program shall be assessed, and a progress report provided after [3-4] months of implementation.</p> | |
| 20. 601/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner R. Merkman Commissioner R. Leerdam | Project Proposal Youth development Training Program. | <p>Approve the Implementation of the "Youth Development Training Program", to be conducted from August 17th to August 23rd</p> <p>Authorize the allocation of \$11,069.00 USD from the budget code 005584 (630.6360) to cover the program costs.</p> | Akkoord |
| 21. 599/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Approval of Funding for afterschool Physical Activity program and Special Needs Integration Project. | Approve of funding for Afterschool Physical Activity Program and Special Needs Integration project. | Akkoord |
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| 22. 683/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner R. Merkman | Physical meeting HERP working group (Aruba,8 - 10 October) | Approve St. Eustatius' Participation in the HERP meeting in Aruba, October 8-10, 2025. | Akkoord |
| 23. 602/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Approve Implementing of the Child Friendly Cities Initiative (CFCI) Action Plan. | Approve implementation of CFCI - action Plan. | Akkoord |
| 24. 487/25 | VTH | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Aanvraag voor het renoveren van Het Old School Building (die bestaat uit 5 appartementen) te Breede Weg 11. | Aanlegvergunning te verlenen voor het renoveren van het 'Old School building' te Breede Weg #11a-e. | Akkoord |
| 25. 506/25 | VTH | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Aanvraag voor het bouwen van een woning te Dr. Martin Luther King Road #7, Cherry Parc, Cherry Tree. | Bouwvergunning te verlenen voor het bouwen van een woning te Cherry Parc. | Akkoord |
| 26. 488/25 | VTH | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Aanvraag voor het bouwen van een woning en twee appartementen te Kennypenga Road (nummer nog te bepalen), Cherry Tree. | Bouwvergunning te verlenen voor het bouwen van een woning en twee appartementen te Kennypenga Road (nummer nog te bepalen), Cherry Tree. | Akkoord |
| 27. 703/25 | Commissioners desk (R. Leerdam) | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Transmission of Invitation - Third EU-Caribbean Global | VKA | VKA |

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| | | | Gateway Sargassum Conference 2025 | | |
| 28. 704/25 | ICT | Gov. M.A.U. Francis | Invitation BQ Cybersecurity Convention 4.0 (CSIRT CN) | VKA | VKA |
| 29. 705/25 | Harbor | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Harbor – Program 2025 – 2027 | VKA | VKA |
| 30. 706/25 | ENI | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Participation in the EU Green Overseas Green Energy Conference on Statia | VKA | VKA |
| 31. 137/25 | P&O | Commissioner R. Leerdam | Resignation | Requested the Executive Council to grant her honorable discharge effective July 1, 2025, in accordance with Article 88 of the Legal Status Public Servants Decree BES (Rechtspositiebesluit ambtenaren BES). | Akkoord |
| 32. 698/25 | ENI | Commissioner M. Merkman | Aanvraag middelen ontsluiting van woningbouw uit de mobiliteitsfonds | De doelstelling van dit kabinet is om structureel 100.000 woningen per jaar te realiseren zie toegevoegde Presentatie_inzet 2,5 mld_BES eilanden. Voor de ondersteuning van de bouw van deze woningen zijn er vanuit VRO en IenW | Akkoord |

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| | | | | <p>verschillende financiële middelen beschikbaar gesteld.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. € 2,5 miljard bij het Ministerie van IenW 2. € 5 miljard bij Ministerie van VRO <p>De middelen van IenW worden toegevoegd aan het Mobilititeitsfonds.</p> <p>Hierdoor heeft de directie Economie Nature en Infrastructuur ENI, Directie Welzijn en welvaart, St Eustatius Housing Foundation en de Project Program Manage Organisatie PPMO een inventarisatie gemaakt van bestaande en nieuwbouw overheid woningbouwprojecten om een aanvraag in te dienen voor het reserveren van de beschikbare middelen. Voor de geschatte investeringskosten, cofinanciering, gevraagde rijksbijdrage en resterend tekort benodigde infra-/mobiliteitsmaatregelen voor de toepassing van de beschikbare middelen uit het mobiliteitsfonds voor de ontsluiting van woningbouw zie de toegevoegde documenten DEF_ Excel bijlage propositie WoKT 2.0 V3.</p> | |

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| 33. 693/25 | Social Domain | Commissioner R. Merkman | Concept Eilandsverordening Studietoelage 2025 | De concept verordening biedt een structurele oplossing voor de financiële knelpunten van Statiaanse kinderen. Het is een investering in de jeugd en in de toekomst van St. Eustatius. De concept verordening sluit aan bij de beleidsdoelstelling gelijke kansen voor alle kinderen. | Akkoord |
| 34. 507/25 | Inkoop | Commissioner R. Merkman | BES-dag en Keveranciers dag | Goedkeuring voorde Bes dagen en Leveranciers-dag te Bonaire. | Akkoord |