



## LIST OF DECISIONS – WEEK 48

of the meeting of the Executive Council of Public Entity Sint Eustatius  
held on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

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

No.	Department	Responsible member	Subject	Proposed decision	Decision
1. <b>1023/25</b>	Census Office	Governor Alida Francis	Closure Census office teambuilding	Request for the approval of the closure of the census office on the 09th of December from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM.	<b>AKKOORD</b>
2. <b>1026/25</b>	BBO	Commissioner Rechelline Leerdam	Addendum – OLE Christmas Gala Policy	The Executive Council is kindly requested to choose from the three options below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Option 1: Maintain the Current Policy</b> -Keep the existing Christmas Gala Policy (2018) unchanged.</li></ul>	<b>AKKOORD OPTIE 3</b>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1317 268 1702 1053"> <p><b>Option 2: Adjust the Policy Following Civil Core Feedback</b>            -Permit gifts only for employees absent due to <i>dienstreis</i> or shift/on-duty work, with verification by the responsible manager or Protocol.            -Implement a registration or sign-in system for the gift draw.            -Require managers to pre-report and confirm employee absence prior to the gala.            -Additional refinements will be made based on Civil Core feedback, with final amendments presented to the Executive Council for approval.</p> </li> <li data-bbox="1317 1061 1702 1340"> <p><b>Option 3: Limit Gift Quantity and Value as of 2026 taking the abovementioned adjustments into consideration with shift workers and those on dienstreis.</b></p> </li> </ul>	

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				<p>- In view of the financial impact, it is further advised that, as of 2026, the number and value of gifts be kept limited. Civil servants will already receive a separate Christmas gift, and gifts distributed at the gala incur tax obligations that must be covered by Finance, further reinforcing the need to minimize both the quantity and value of gifts.</p>	
3. <b>1004/25</b>	Finance Department	Commissioner Reuben Merkman	3rd Budget Amendment of 2025 Public Entity St. Eustatius	To present the 3rd Budget Amendment ("BA") 2025 to the College financieel toezicht for advice, pursuant to Articles 15 through 21 of the Finance Law BES.	<b>AKKOORD</b>
4. <b>507/25</b>	Integrity Department	Governor Alida Francis	BES dagen Leverancies dag	Memo Integrity	<b>AKKOORD</b>
5. <b>984/25</b>	Regio Deal	Commissioner Rechelline Leerdam	Strengthening of Program Governance – Region Deal Statia 2026	The Executive Council is requested to approve the reorganization of the governance structure of the Region Deal Statia 2026 Program.	<b>AKKOORD</b>

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6. <b>513/25</b>	P&O	Commissioner Rechelline Leerdam	Teambuilding	Verzoek akkoord te gaan met teambuilding sessies ten behoeve van de afdeling Census en de afdeling GIS. Gezien de noodzaak voor het bewerkstelligen van een gezonde sfeer op de afdeling en het bevorderen van een goede samenwerking binnen het team en de leidinggevende.	<b>AKKOORD</b>
7. <b>967/25</b>	VTH	Commissioner Rechelline Leerdam	Aanvraag voor het boren van vier (4) putten.	Aanlegvergunning te verlenen voor het boren van vier(4) Putten.	<b>AKKOORD</b>
8. <b>1011/25</b>	Social Domain	Commissioner Reuben Merkman	Work Visit to Saba	Approve the work visit to Saba for the period 1-9 December 2025 for the purpose of professional exchange and practical orientation in support of the sheltered workplace development.	<b>AKKOORD</b>
9. <b>1005/25</b>	Social Domain	Commissioner Reuben Merkman	Offering SPW 4 via school with B4K	-Approve the executing institution of the SPW4 program for pedagogical workers supported by the ongoing capacity building initiative from BES(t) 4 Kids.	<b>AKKOORD</b>

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				-Approve the funds reserved for BES(t) 4 kids initiatives be used for this purpose.	
10. <b>925/25</b>	Social Domain	Commissioner Reuben Merkman	Huurovereenkomst voor woning.	<p>A. De woning gelegen aan Ledaweg Jongbloed. Te huren voor een periode van zes maanden, ter realisatie van het Banket Bakker programma te Curacao. De Totale Kosten zijn de Huur kosten zullen bekostig worden van project funds 005229.</p> <p>B. Mevrouw aan het gegeven adres via brief te informeren over besluit.</p>	<b>AKKOORD</b>
11. <b>988/25</b>	Labor Department	Commissioner Reuben Merkman	Travel Arrangements Job Program Candidates	<p>Approved travel arrangements for the nine candidates currently in Curaçao, specifically:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Holiday travel — arrange for the candidates to return home in December 2025 and return to Curaçao in January 2026.</li> <li>2. Final return tickets — approve and arrange the tickets for the candidates to return home after successfully completing their respective programs (after 6 and 10 months).</li> </ol>	<b>AKKOORD</b>

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				<p>3. Emergency travel provisions – confirm that tickets will also be arranged in the event of a close family death, medical emergency, or family/personal emergency.</p> <p>4. The funding for all travel related to the candidates on the three programs mentioned will be taken from the designated budget code.</p>	
12. <b>715/25</b>	Social Domain	Commissioner Reuben Merkman	Addendum : Request for Approval: Community Financial Education Policy & Program	<p>The Executive Council is kindly requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the revised policy, program plan, decree, and funding request form.</li> <li>2. By signing the revised decree the council has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the implementation of the phased 3-year program (2026–2028) as outlined in the project plan and budget annexes.</li> <li>• Approve the updated BU-funding request to be submitted to SZW.</li> <li>• Mandate Social Domain to establish the Financial Education &amp; Debt Assistance Working Group.</li> <li>• Mandate Social Domain to appoint a project leader for Schuldhulpverlening (from</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<b>AKKOORD</b>

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				2027 onward), depending on funding approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve that the Social Domain evaluates the program annually and adjusts activities based on outcomes and community needs.</li> <li>• Approve forwarding the updated letter and attachments to SZW.</li> </ul>	
13. <b>990/25</b>	Unit Luchthaven	Commissioner Reuben Merkman	On-Site Preventative Maintenance & Service Agreement Airport X-Ray Machines	Het Bestuurscollege wordt gevraagd te besluiten dat de Unit Luchthaven een contract aangaat voor het onderhoud van de X-Ray Machines van luchthaven voor een periode van 24 maanden en wel 3 keer per 12 maanden. De X Ray Machines vormen een belangrijk onderdeel van de dagelijkse operatie op de luchthaven een breakdown gaat gepaard met enorm veel ongerief voor i.h.b het reizend publiek omdat bagage fysiek geïnspecteerd dient te worden om aan internationale voorwaarden te kunnen blijven voldoen. De Kosten hiervoor vallen op de budget post onderhoud apparatuur.	<b>AKKOORD</b>

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14. <b>009/25</b>	Directorate ENI	Commissioner Rechelline Leerdam	Strategic Action Plan for Sustainable Agriculture (SAPSA) – Infrastructural Development	Approve the Sint Eustatius Water Management Action Plan for Agriculture.	<b>AKKOORD</b>
15. <b>038/25</b>	Directorate ENI	Commissioner Rechelline Leerdam	Green Overseas and IHE Delft Conferences – Climate Resilient Food Systems Workshop and Climate Adaptation	Approve the Statia Delegation to attend the Green Overseas Workshop on Climate Resilient Food Systems and IHE Delft Symposium and Workshop	<b>AKKOORD</b>
16. <b>1003/25</b>	Directorate ENI	Commissioner Rechelline	Request from Foundation for In-Kind Sponsorship of the Fisheries Ice Machine for the Golden Rock Fishing Tournament	Approve the in-kind sponsorship of the Public Entity’s Ice Machine to the Foundation	<b>AKKOORD</b>
17. <b>110/23</b>	PPMO/NEPP	Commissioner Rechelline Leerdam	Timeline Change Invasive Species removal specialists	The Executive Council is asked to decide to: 1. Shift the timeline of the deployment of invasive species specialists to July 2026; 2. Inform primary stakeholders via individual letter 3. Inform secondary stakeholders via generic letter 4. Hire company to setup 6-month performance based contracts for local project hunters; 5. Hire local hunters on project basis directly via the Public	<b>AKKOORD</b>

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				Entity for the period of January-June 2026 6. Assign one local hunter as field supervisor of the local hunting team 7. Publish the press release regarding the timeline change and local hunter involvement; 8. Deploy follow-up community communication in accordance with the Communication Plan.	
18. <b>763/24</b>	P&O	Commissioner Rechelline Leerdam	Appointment Extension Aerodrome Flight Information Services Officer (AFISO)	To grant an AFISO an appointment extension effective January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2026.	<b>AKKOORD</b>
19. <b>827/24</b>	Social Domain	Commissioner Reuben Merkman	Addendum : Dekking Kosten Reis – en Verblijf	The Social Domain is requesting the Executive Council to approve coverage of travel and accommodation expenses in connection with work on the renewal of the Strong Roots Masterplan. The costs will be covered under the designated project code. Reimburse for the costs incurred: return flight AMS-EUX \$ and daily allowance.	<b>AKKOORD</b>

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20. <b>851/25</b>	Unit Security	Commissioner Reuben Merkman	Advice on the intention to privatize security services – "Quotation Security St Eustatius	VKA	<b>VKA</b>
21. <b>1025/25</b>	Project Director	Commissioner Rechelline Leerdam	Information on fast-lane	VKA	<b>VKA</b>