

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

May 2023

A summary of the Taxicab Commission Office highlights for the month of May.

TCC OFFICE CLOSED DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- TCC employees continues to remain at home, unable to work remotely due to lack of required technology and been paid full regular hours.
- ED physically working from within Central Stores located at P&P building in Subbase.
 - Processed documents received from the St. Croix office.
 - Spoke with automobile-for-hire operators who physically came to the Subbase office location seeking assistance.
- Remained in communication with P&P AC Lisa Alejandro, DC Vincent Richards and Benjamin Hendricks of a Clean Environment regarding the cleanup and demolition of all employee's workstation cubicles damaged as a result of the environmental issues.
- Made a conscious effort to locate used furniture from various sources including Government House and P&P surplus department.
 - 4 office desks donated by P&P Surplus Division
 - 4 office desk chairs donated by Government House
- All contaminated furniture was demolished, removed, disposed of, and replaced with the non-porous furniture donations as noted above
- Mr. Karl Caesar from the St. Thomas Administrator's Office provided janitorial services in preparation for the reopening of the offices on June 5, 2023.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

- TEO's on St. Thomas and St. Croix were issued new POST ID Cards.
- TCC-6's windshield was damaged, said vehicle is assigned, to and in the custody of TEO Callwood when damaged occurred and is making the necessary arrangements to have it replaced. The battery also needed to be replaced.
- TEO's on St. Thomas and St. Croix attended POST trainings via zoom and in person.
- Texted and email was sent to all staff requesting that they all report to the at a date and time certain to remove their personal items from their workstation so the demolition of furniture could be done.
 - The following employees failed to report as requested:
 - TEO Derrick Callwood – attending POST training via zoom.
 - Tanya Paul – Off island on military duty. This employee failed to notify me and failed to submit the required leave slip with the accompanying military orders.

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- On June 1st, all staff was notified via text and email to report to the office in order to prepare their respective workstations for the reopening of TCCs Offices on St. Thomas on June 5, 2023.
 - NO SHOWs
 - TEO Derrick Callwood – alleged he did not see the email, nor the text until late Friday in the afternoon.
 - Tanya Paul – reported to work with her minor daughter and was sent home. The offices required moving desk and, setting up and preparing the office as a whole for the reopening of the offices on June 5, 2023. At no point would I allow TCC to be liable for injury or damage to this minor child.

MEETINGS

- Meeting with Governor Bryan, TCC Board of Directors and the Executive Director.
 - Appearing in person was Board's Vice Chair Elizabeth Hansen-Watley and TCC's Executive Director Vernice Gumbs. Board Chair – Lorretta Lloyd appeared via zoom.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Ongoing communications with the AG's office and the IG's lead auditor; provide requested information.
- Issued press release to the media regarding the June 5, 2023, reopening of TCC offices.
- Respond to emails regarding TCC closure and projected reopening of TCC offices.

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