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National Trust Announces New Council 2026-2027

25 September 2026 – The Annual General Meeting (“the AGM”) of the members of the National Trust was held on 24th September 2026, at the George Town Yacht Club, the Barcadere Marina at 606 N. Sound Rd.

The AGM was held to present the 2025-2026 Annual Report and Financial Report for the year end June 30, 2026, elect members of the Council of the National Trust for 2026/27 as well as transact any other such business that came before the meeting. The AGM was well attended with 80 attendees.

The programme included the Official commencement of the AGM by Sulekha Tummala (Legal Counsel) with Ashvin Murugesu (NTCI Chair), who chaired the AGM. Brad Wammes, Treasurer gave a review of the 2025-26 financials featured in the Annual Report, and Frank Roulstone (NTCI Executive Director) shared programme highlights. Thank you to our volunteers Katie Moore, Cormac Golden and Shonari Gow.

Once the votes were counted, it was announced that the following candidates had been elected to the 2026-27 National Trust Council: Vaughn Bodden, Craig Caffarelli, Katie Ebanks, Richard Harrison, Brigitte Kirkconnell-Shaughness, Courtney Platt, Diana Quin, Lisa Scott, and Candy Whicker. Tributes were made to outgoing council members Suzan Merren and Fred Burton to acknowledge their decades of service.

Suzanne Bothwell (Chair) and Emily DeCou (Secretary) were both elected and will be serving a two-year term. Alice Mae Coe (Vice Chair) and Brad Wammes (Treasurer) will be serving the second year of their two-year term for 2026-27.

District Chairpersons were also announced who were elected at the District AGMs held in August: Eliza Strachan (Northside District Committee), Patrica Forbes (East End District Committee), Robert Wood (Bodden Town District Committee), Laurice Fraser (George Town District Committee), Alice Mae Coe (West Bay District Committee), Joshua Baker (Cayman Brac District Committee), Gregory McTaggart (Little Cayman District Committee)

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About the National Trust for the Cayman Islands

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands is a non-governmental organization whose mandate under the National Trust Law (2010 Revision) includes the preservation of the historic, natural and maritime heritage of the Cayman Islands for present and future generations.

About the Blue Iguana Conservation Programme

The Blue Iguana Recovery Programme began in 1990 with only 30 dedicated Blue Iguanas and the primary goal to restore the wild population to 1,000 Blue Iguanas, encouraging viable population in the long-term. Having met its primary goal in 2018, the initiative formally transitioned to the Blue Iguana Conservation Programme in 2019 with a new focus of sustainably conserving the native species of Grand Cayman.

About the National Trust's Environmental Programme

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands' environmental programme was founded on the concept that the protection of native plants and animals is best achieved by protecting the natural areas in which they depend.

About the National Trust Conservation Programme

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands' conservation programme strives to protect Cayman's native species and the habitats in which they live, and includes the endemic Blue Iguana of Grand Cayman, the Sister Islands Rock Iguana and Cayman's native bat species.

About the National Trust Historic Preservation Programme



The National Trust for the Cayman Islands introduced the launching of its *Historic Preservation Fund* at its Annual General Meeting in September 2021 for the purpose of inviting increased support of its continuing efforts to encourage the preservation and protection of historic homes and buildings for present and future generations of the Cayman Islands.