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**THE BAHAMAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND EMPLOYERS' CONFEDERATION  
ELECTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2021-2023 TERM**

NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS - The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers' Confederation (BCCEC) held its Annual General Meeting and Election of its Board of Directors on Friday November 19, 2021.

Mrs. Khrystle L. Rutherford- Ferguson (Fidelity Bank (Bahamas) Limited) was re-elected as Chairman by the membership of the BCCEC to serve a second two-year term and lead the Board of Directors. Rutherford-Ferguson said that she is honoured by the membership's decision to re-elect her as Chairman of the BCCEC and afford her the privilege of serving on a Board comprised of exceptional business leaders.

For 86 years the BCCEC has served as the preeminent resource and advocacy group for the business community in the Bahamas.

As the re-elected Chairman, Mrs. Rutherford-Ferguson will continue to work with the Board of Directors to provide the membership with robust, evidence-based advocacy. Towards this end, the Board of Directors will create policy positions that foster a productive business environment, conducive to enterprise creation and sustainable economic development.

Other elected officers of the Board include Timothy Ingraham (Summit Insurance), who will serve his second term as Vice Chairman, Nadine Frazier (BF&M Life Insurance Co. Limited), who was elected to serve as Board Secretary, and Don Williams (Island Run Bahamas Ltd.), who is new to the Board to serve as Treasurer. Additionally, the membership elected ten Directors to serve alongside the officers.

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The ten elected Directors include four new Directors: Antoinette Russell (Maran Global Solutions Ltd.), Cristobal Gomez (Nassau Tile Factory Limited), Keith Roye (Plato Alpha Design), and Michele Moodie (Ports International Ltd). Six experienced Directors complete the composition of the Board. These Directors include Christel Sands-Feaste (Higgs & Johnson), Odetta Morton (Deltec Bank & Trust Limited), Peter Goudie (PGHR Consulting Limited), Royann Dean (ONWRD Advisors Ltd.), Sean Moree (McKinney Bancroft & Hughes), and Vernice Walkine (Nassau Airport Development Co. Ltd.). The fusion of new and re-elected Directors will foster innovation and change, while ensuring business continuity and strategic alignment with the purpose and objectives of the BCCEC.

The Board of Directors is obliged to the membership of the BCCEC for entrusting them to lead the BCCEC in this time of deep uncertainty and economic disruption. Having now received their mandate, the Officers and Board of Directors will work assiduously with the Chief Executive Officer to continue the BCCEC's mission of creating a robust business environment that strengthens and supports the sustainability of the nation's socio-economic structure.

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