



## **MHES announces new HSA Board members and Governance Audit**

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The Ministry of Health, Environment and Sustainability (MHES) today announced new board members for the Health Services Authority (HSA), along with the commissioning of a ten-week governance audit of the HSA spearheaded by KPMG. Speaking from a live press conference at the Government Administration Building, Honourable Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, Minister for Health, Environment and Sustainability reaffirmed her Ministry's commitment to strengthening governance and accountability across the HSA.

“As the current Minister for Health, I am working on rectifying legacy issues that long predate my appointment. Change is difficult, and what we are embarking on now is a period of transition, with no shortage of work nor difficult decisions on the horizon,” said Minister Ebanks-Wilks. “Our current HSA board is now completely made up of persons appointed by this administration—this means that they understand not only what is expected of them but also the vision that we are working towards, and they are committed to serve.”

Following recent resignations of four HSA board members, the Government has appointed new members to ensure continuity and strengthen the Board's capacity to deliver on its priorities outlined in the 2026 – 2028 Strategic Policy Statement. Together with the current members, the Board brings a complimentary range of expertise across health, finance, regulatory, technology and legal disciplines, positioning the Authority to effectively discharge its statutory responsibilities.

Minister Ebanks-Wilks announced the following new members, as approved by Cabinet:

- Mr. Timothy Ridley, as Chairperson of the Board
- Mr. Omari Corbin, as Director of the Board
- Mr. Buck Grizzel, as Director of the Board
- Mr. Peter Spratt, as Director of the Board

“The appointment of new Board members marks an important step forward for HSA as we continue to strengthen our governance framework and operational effectiveness,” said the Chief Officer for Health, Environment and Sustainability Ms. Tamara Ebanks. “Their combined experience will provide strong oversight and support the management of delivering high-quality and sustainable health services.”



Further supporting reform efforts, which began last year with the announced transition of the HSA Board's remuneration to a fixed monthly structure effective 1 December 2025, Minister Ebanks-Wilks provided details on the commissioning of a ten-week governance audit of both the HSA Board and Senior leadership, spearheaded by KPMG. "This audit is not intended to be punitive, but it is meant to provide us with a clear understanding of what is working, what needs improvement, and what needs to change. For far too long there has been a public plea for greater accountability at HSA, I am proud to be leading by taking tangible steps to move us forward towards achieving that goal." Minister Ebanks-Wilks explains. "I give my commitment to you today that I will not only be sharing the entire findings of the KPMG report with the public, but that I am committed to providing clear and consistent communication about the recommendations, the plans for implementation, and its progress."

The KPMG assessment, which began on 12 January 2026, is an evaluation of the HSA's governance structures, leadership capability, and operational effectiveness, with the aim of strengthening the Authority. The targeted diagnostic will support MHES in driving system-level improvements, advancing national health priorities, and informing long-term reform and strategic planning.

"The HSA plays an essential role in our healthcare landscape," Minister Katherine Ebanks-Wilks continues. "Therefore, it is imperative that we understand both what is working and what needs improvement, and take the necessary steps to strengthen governance, improve accountability, enhance transparency, and increase efficiency while ensuring that roles are clear and their services and programmes are aligned with strategic national priorities."

KPMG Islands Group's healthcare practice team has over 65 global island healthcare credentials, and has worked extensively with island-nations assisting with the development of national health strategies, strategic plans, business cases, programmes, projects and assessments within the Caribbean, Crown Dependencies and Mediterranean islands.

"The KPMG team will work to identify root causes of key governance and operational challenges, and will provide actionable recommendations to support relevant, meaningful and sustainable improvements," Minister Ebanks-Wilks adds. "We are happy to be working with KPMG, the HSA Board and their Senior Management Team to get the most out of this project."

The ten-week project lists as its primary objectives:

1. Assess the performance, composition, and capabilities of the HSA Board and Senior Management Team against international leading practices.
2. Provide evidence-based insights and priority recommendations to guide system-level transformation.
3. Identify governance and operational gaps affecting the HSA's effectiveness.



4. Support MHES in strengthening the strategic alignment between the HSA, MHES, and broader national health priorities.

“KPMG’s work will include stakeholder interviews, a stakeholder survey, critical document review, and validation of findings by both the Ministry and HSA,” adds Chief Officer Tamara Ebanks. “The public will also have the opportunity to provide feedback via both electronic and hardcopy surveys, and the KPMG team is actively looking at additional ways to engage with and obtain information from our community for this assessment. HSA staff will have their own survey which will provide them with the opportunity to speak to their experiences and suggestions. Our hope is that this project will serve to strengthen the working relationship between the Ministry, the Board and the HSA as we work together to bring tangible results that the people we serve can see and feel.”

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**Photo caption:**

***Editor’s note***

**Health Services Authority Board Members**

**Timothy Ridley - Chairperson**

Mr. Timothy Ridley has wide regulatory and governance experience having served as a member of the Cayman Islands Anti-Corruption Commission, a director and chair of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority, and as a former director of the Health Services Authority board. He is a former member of the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Cayman Islands Society of Professional Accountants and of the Board of Advisors of the Foundation for Fund Governance. He is a former law professor at University of Southampton and Trinity College- Cambridge, a member of several international professional associations, and also served on various consultative committees advising the Cayman Islands Government on matters relating to the financial services and local industries.



**Dr. Neeley Panton – Deputy Chairperson**

Originally from the Cayman Islands, after completing his medical schooling and internship, Dr Panton was appointed Senior House Officer in Surgery at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. He then completed his surgical residency at University of British Columbia (UBC) in 1984 and subsequently joined the surgical team at UBC Hospital. A pioneer in laparoscopic surgery in British Columbia, he introduced laparoscopic adrenalectomy, splenectomy, colorectal resections, abdominal wall reconstruction, inguinal hernia repair and Nissen fundoplication at the UBC Hospital and laparoscopic gastric surgery and trans-anal endoscopic rectal surgery at VGH. He also established fluorescent cholangiography and angiography during laparoscopic cholecystectomy at the UBC Hospital and performed the first robotic colectomy for cancer in British Columbia.

**Omari Corbin - Director**

Mr. Omari Corbin brings a wealth of knowledge and experience both in the banking sector and as a dedicated community leader. With over 20 years of experience in banking, his forward-thinking approach and leadership skills quickly became apparent, culminating in his appointment as Director of Credit Risk Management – Wholesale, where he now manages commercial loan adjudication across the Cayman Islands, Bahamas, and Turks and Caicos Islands. Beyond his professional life, Omari is deeply passionate about mentorship and community development, serving as a dedicated mentor for the Chamber of Commerce's programmes, a member of the Cayman Islands Bankers Association, current Vice President of the Cayman Islands Basketball Association, and having served as a former member on the Big Brothers Big Sisters Cayman Islands board.

**Buck Grizzel - Director**

Mr. Buck Grizzel is a Senior Associate and is Head of Local Legal Services at Stuarts. He advises on Real Estate, Planning, Corporate and Commercial, Immigration, Wills, Probate and Estate Planning, Employment, Business Incorporation and Licensing, and other regulatory matters. Buck has over 20 years specialist experience advising on Cayman Islands Law, and his practice areas are vast and diverse, and also include the Health Insurance Act and Labour Act.

**Peter Spratt - Director**

Mr. Peter Spratt is a Technology and Operations Executive with 25+ years of international leadership across telecommunications, managed cloud, data centers, and regulated enterprise environments. Peter is known for building high-performing regional teams, modernising mission-



critical infrastructure, and driving operational excellence across multi-country organisations. He is adept at aligning technology strategy with commercial growth, regulatory expectations, and enterprise-grade service delivery. His professional experience ranges from Nortel Networks in Argentina, Qatar Telecomms in Doha, the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs, to Brac Informatics and most recently Flow where he served as the Regional IT Director for nine years from 2016 until last year. Along with numerous professional qualifications, Peter also holds a doctoral level degree in Business Administration and has several professional memberships.

### **Petrina Moore – Director**

Ms. Petrina Moore is a healthcare trained professional with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Thomas Moore College and active registered nurse (RN) licensed in Florida. She began her career in clinical practice at Tampa General Hospital and subsequently the Cayman Islands Health Service Authority, with a focus on emergency care and patient advocacy. Her medical background gives her a unique understanding of hospital operations, patient needs and healthcare delivery. In addition to her clinical experience, she has built a successful career in the legal and financial services sector, currently serving as a senior Paralegal at one of the large law firms on the island, where she works on complex structured finance matters. She holds a Level 4 Diploma in Paralegal Studies (distinction) and is known for her sharp analytical skills, sound judgement and ability to navigate regulatory and governance issues effectively. She is a born Caymanian who is deeply committed to advancing community health and wellness initiatives and brings a collaborative, detailed oriented, and service driven perspective to board leadership.

### **Michelle Coleman - Director**

Mrs. Michelle Coleman is a seasoned professional leveraging almost (20) years of leadership, fiduciary and accounting experiences within the financial services industry. She has held several senior management roles and served as an independent Director on a variety of alternative investment funds and Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) within the regulatory environment in the Cayman Islands. As an entrepreneur, she manages a team of 17 employees and handles all Human Resources (HR) related matters such as recruitment, payroll and pension/insurance. She implemented HR strategies that aligned with business goals, enhanced team cohesion and promotes a culture of continuous improvement. She is an innovative, self-starter possessing a strong business acumen, she has led change management initiatives within organisations and implemented strategic elements that enhance business profitability, operations efficiencies and drive employee's engagement. She is passionate about building strong relationships, resolving conflicts and supporting employee's growth to drive overall organizational success. In her current role, she heads a large family office where she is appointed as a Director on the entities within the client structure, providing an independent layer of review and oversight in proven corporate credibility. She holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in accounting and a Master's degree in



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