



## BELIZE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

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### **BCCI's 102<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

#### **- For Immediate Release-**

The 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2022, at the Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza in Belize City. The outgoing President Ms. Marissa Longsworth gave an overview of her experiences given, that the entire term of her presidency was during the pandemic. Despite the countrywide shut down the BCCI was still able to continue its lobbying efforts on issues ranging from public health to bilateral trade agreements to labour matters.

The election for new councilors was done digitally through an innovative platform developed by IdeaLab Studios Digital Marketing for the BCCI, which produced the results in real-time.

The members of the newly elected Executive Council of the BCCI for the term 2022-2024 are as follows:

Mr. Marcello Blake - President

Ms. Marissa Longsworth – Immediate Past President

Mr. William Usher – V.P. Industry

Ms. Katherine Meighan - V.P. Services

Mr. Giacomo Sanchez- Treasurer

Mrs. Ashanti Arthurs-Martin- Secretary.

The post of V.P. Commerce is vacant currently.

Councillors elected were:

William Neal

Jody Williams

Allan Sharp

Noriko Gamero

Marnix Perez



The highlight of the evening was the keynote address by the guest speaker, the IDB Investment Management Principal Officer, Agri-Business and Food, Mr. Guillermo Foscarini. He spoke on the areas of Trade, Logistics, and Food Security.

The Belize Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the largest private-sector organization, continues its dedication and commitment to its members, a commitment that remains fueled by our Triple C Philosophy to Connect, Capacitate, and Champion on behalf of the members of the business community. The BCCI has proven its resilience and remains steadfast in its promotion of the sustainability of the private sector and the economic vitality of Belize.

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