



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **Minister Cox distributes letters of appointment to Tobago Local Board Members**

On March 2 2023, five (5) representatives across the various regions and communities of Tobago received their letters of appointment to serve on the Tobago Local Board of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services. The Letters of Appointment were presented by Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, Minister of Social Development and Family Services following a meeting with the new Board members at the Ministry's Head Office, St. Vincent Street, Port of Spain. Also in attendance were Deputy Permanent Secretaries at the Ministry, Ryan Ramcharan and Wendy Guy-Hernandez.

The Board is expected to serve for a period of three (3) years and will act as a liaison between clients and the Ministry. The core duties of the Local Board include controlling, directing and assisting Local Boards in administering the core grants under the responsibility of the Social Welfare Division (Public Assistance Grant, Senior Citizens' Pension and Disability Assistance Grants) and where necessary, take over and perform the duties of any of the Ministry's local boards.

During her brief address, Minister Cox in thanking the members for their willingness to serve, indicated that the Social Welfare Division of the Ministry continues to play a critical role in fulfilling the mandate of enhancing the lives of the most vulnerable in society, by providing financial and social assistance in accordance with existing laws, regulations and policies.

Minister Cox informed the new Board members that their appointment represents the Ministry's continued efforts to achieving the national strategic goals outlined in the National Development Strategy (2016-2030)/ Vision 2030 regarding the eradication of poverty and the enhancement of the lives of the vulnerable.

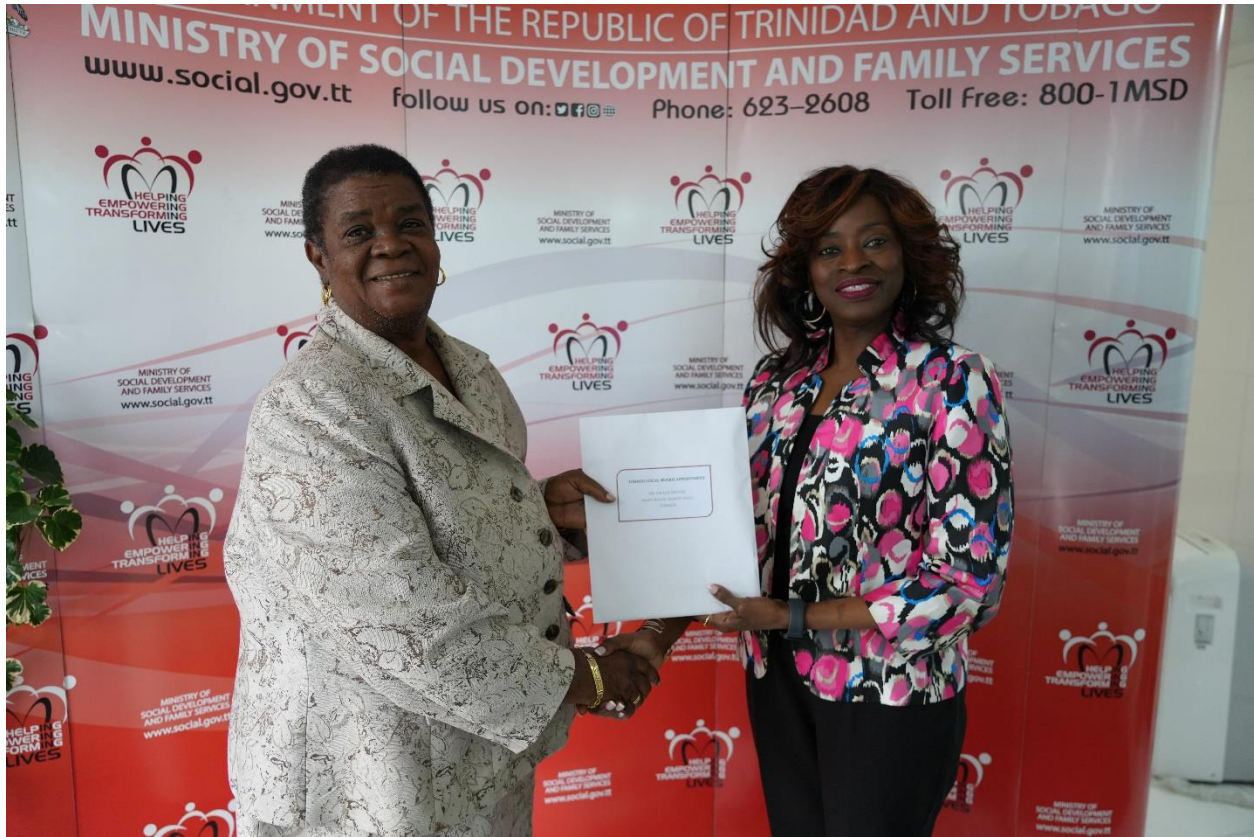
The Tobago Local Board comprises of the following persons:

- Liselle M. Roberts
- Shereese Patterson
- Carol Sesanker
- Ora Arthur-Best
- Grace Dennis

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services remains committed to enhancing the lives of vulnerable citizens.



*Minister Cox addresses the newly appointed Tobago Local Board Members*



Minister Cox distributes a letter of appointment to one of the newly appointed Tobago Local Board Members, Grace Dennis



Minister Cox and the newly appointed Tobago Local Board Members