

## **LAWMAKERS APPROVE NOMINATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR**

**Date :** August 12, 2019

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THOMAS- Members of the 33rd Legislature, led by Senate President Novelle E. Francis, Jr., convened in the first day of Legislative Session at the Capitol Building on Monday and voted favorably for several nominations. The nominations were sent to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands by Governor Albert Bryan; set forth from Section (16) of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, and Title 3, Section 65a of the Virgin Islands Code. All approved items will be forwarded to the Governor for further consideration.

Senators

voted and approved the nominations of Kimberley Causey-Gomez as Commissioner for the Department of Human Services, Colonel Kodjo Knox-Limbacker as Adjutant General for the Virgin Islands National Guard, Calvert White as Commissioner for the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation, and Raymond Williams as Director for the Virgin Islands Lottery.

Similarly,

lawmakers also voted favorably for the nominations of Dr. Vincentia Paul-Constantin to serve as a Licensed Professional Counselor on the Board of Licensure Counselors and Examiners, Hugo Hodge, Jr. to serve as a member of the Virgin Islands Horse Racing Commission for the District of St. Thomas-St. John and Shane Benjamin to serve as a member for the Horse Racing Commission for the St. Thomas-St. John District.

Furthermore,

policymakers also voted with a favorable recommendation for the nominations of Janette Bowers, RN, MSN, FNP, BC to serve as a Licensed Practical Nurse for the Virgin Islands Board of Licensure (VIBNL), Tamara Mohammed, MS, MCH, LPC to serve as a Licensed Professional Counselor for the V.I. Board of Licensed

Counselors and Examiners, Ophelia Powell-Torres, RN, BSN, MA. to serve as Nurse Educator on the V.I. Board of Nurse Licensure, and Patricia Towal, M.Ed. LPC, to serve as a Licensed Professional Counselor on the Board of Licensed Counselors and Examiners.

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Francis advised the nominees that public service is not easy, because of the constant subjection to scrutiny. "There are herculean tasks **that lie** ahead. Continue to overcome the pessimism and work hard to pursue your endeavors. Overall, the nominees possess the professional skills needed to move this Territory forward."

Ultimately, upon completion of the agenda, Legislative Session was recessed. The meeting will resume on Tuesday, August 13th at 10:00 am.

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