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Governor Bryan Appoints Haldane Davies as Director of V.I. Bureau of Economic Research

Citing his decades of service in public policy and academia, Governor Bryan named Dr. Davies to lead the BER, praising his experience with UVI and regional development as vital assets during a time of economic uncertainty and strategic opportunity.

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Haldane Davies

On Monday, Governor Albert Bryan Jr. announced the appointment of Haldane Davies as director of the V.I. Bureau of Economic Research.

“Dr. Davies is a highly accomplished public servant, educator and policy strategist with a distinguished career that spans decades of service to the Virgin Islands and the broader Caribbean

region,” Governor Bryan said during the weekly press briefing from Government House.

Davies holds a bachelor's degree in theology, a master's degree in education, and a PhD in educational administration with a focus on higher education. His association with academia extends to his service as president of the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean, and a previous stint as Vice President for Business Development and Innovation at the University of the Virgin Islands.

“At a time when our territory faces both immense economic uncertainty and transformative opportunity, I can think of no one better suited to lead the Bureau of Economic Research,” Governor Bryan continued. He recounted how he and Davies worked together on the board of the Economic Development Authority, and credited the new BER Director for “a lot of the reports that came out of the university in terms of economics.”

After the announcement, Dr. Davies took the podium to offer brief remarks. “I believe that my role as a member of the board of the International Economic Development Council in Washington D.C. as well as experiences in a variety of other areas will help to bring continued growth and development to this particular area,” he said.

In addition to service on the board of the IEDC, Dr. Davies has also been appointed to the Board of the National Certified Public Manager Consortium, and the board of CareAway. He is also a member of the [Virgin Islands Public Officials Compensation Commission](#).