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These Are the 108 Aspirants Seeking Elected Office as the 2026 Election Field Takes Shape Across the Virgin Islands

The unofficial May 19 list includes 18 people on 9 governor-lieutenant governor tickets, 10 Delegate to Congress hopefuls, 57 legislative aspirants, 11 Board of Education candidates and 12 Board of Elections hopefuls awaiting June 2 certification.

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The Elections System of the Virgin Islands has released its unofficial list of aspirants for the 2026 primary and general elections, showing a crowded field across the governor's race, Delegate to Congress, legislative seats, and the territory's elected boards.

Supervisor of Elections Caroline F. Fawkes announced the unofficial St. Thomas-St. John and St. Croix nomination petitions and papers aspirant listing as of Tuesday evening. Pursuant to Title 18, Section 420, all aspirants must be certified by the Supervisor of Elections by Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

The unofficial filings (found [here](#) and [here](#)) include several gubernatorial tickets, multiple candidates for Delegate to Congress, a long list of aspirants for the Legislature in both districts, and candidates seeking seats on the Board of Elections and Board of Education.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

The unofficial list includes the following teams for Governor and Lieutenant Governor:

Stacey Plaskett/Milton Potter, Democrat, filed in the St. Croix District on May 12.

Tregenza A. Roach/Novelle E. Francis Jr., Democrat, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 14.

Gustav James/Randolph Bennett, Independent, filed in the St. Croix District on May 15.

Adlah “Foncie” Donastorg/Positive Nelson, Independent, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 18.

Stephen Smokey Frett/Derreck Bermudez, Independent, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 19.

Dorna Frett-Gregory/Rodney Moorehead, Democrat, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 19.

Oakland Benta/Merwin Potter, Independent, filed in the St. Croix District on May 19.

Warren Mosler/Colin Robertson, Independent, filed in the St. Croix District on May 19.

Roy Sheridan/Horris Graham, Independent, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 19.

Delegate to Congress

The unofficial list includes the following aspirants for Delegate to Congress:

Emmett Hansen, Democrat, filed in the St. Croix District on May 14.

Teri Helenese, Democrat, filed in the St. Croix District on May 18.

Delia Smith, Democrat, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 19.

Antonio E. Emanuel, Democrat, filed in the St. Croix District on May 19.

Janelle K. Sarauw, Democrat, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 19.

James A. Weber III, Independent, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 19.

Shelley A. H. Moorhead, Independent, filed in the St. Croix District on May 19.

Brett M. McClafferty, Independent, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 19.

Jed JohnHope, Independent, filed in the St. Croix District on May 19.

Ida Smith, Independent, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 19.

Legislature

St. Croix District

The unofficial list includes the following aspirants for the Legislature of the Virgin Islands from the St. Croix District:

Mutasem B.F. Mustafa, Independent, filed May 12.

Elizabeth Hansen Watley, Independent, filed May 12.

Alvin Milligan, Independent, filed May 12.

Franklin Johnson, Independent, filed May 13.

Dwight Mike Cartier, Democrat, filed May 13.

Clifford A. Joseph, Democrat, filed May 14.

Diane Prosper, Independent, filed May 14.

Tyler Courtland Fay, Independent, filed May 15.

Luz C.A. Browne, Independent, filed May 15.

Jaylen M. Gabrial, Independent, filed May 15.

Bianca Francis, Independent, filed May 15.

Hubert L. Frederick, Democrat, filed May 18.

Samuel Carrion, Independent, filed May 18.

Lynda “Nikki” Brooks, Democrat, filed May 18.

Kurt A. Violet, Democrat, filed May 18.

Jose “Besse” Gonzalez, Democrat, filed May 18.

Julian S. Veira, Independent, filed May 18.

Ophelia Williams-Jackson, Democrat, filed May 18.

Kenneth “Kenny” Gittens, Democrat, filed May 18.

Troy D. Mason, Independent, filed May 18.

Jay Watson, Independent, filed May 19.

Norman Bapo Jn Baptiste, Independent, filed May 19.

Troy C. Williams, Independent, filed May 19.

Lisa J. Charles, Democrat, filed May 19.

Raymond T. James, Esq., Republican, filed May 19.

Gage Edmunds, Independent, filed May 19.

Nereida Rivera O'Reilly, Independent, filed May 19.

Omar B.U. Henry, Democrat, filed May 19.

St. Thomas-St. John District

The unofficial list includes the following aspirants for the Legislature from the St. Thomas-St. John District:

Lorelei Marsh Monsanto, Democrat, filed May 12.

David Sierra, ICM, filed May 12.

Michael A. Smith, Democrat, filed May 12.

Mayard Leader, Democrat, filed May 12.

Dwayne M. DeGraff, Independent, filed May 14.

Carla J. Joseph, Democrat, filed May 14.

Monique Faulkner, Democrat, filed May 14.

Derrick A. Callwood, Republican, filed May 15.

Avery Lewis, Democrat, filed May 15.

Shenelle Fina Francis, Democrat, filed May 18.

Ray "PuPa" Fonseca, Democrat, filed May 18.

Alma Francis Heyliger, Independent, filed May 18.

Peter Bailey, Democrat, filed May 18.

Paula A. Duke, Independent, filed May 18.

Lawrence "Larry" Boscchulte, Democrat, filed May 19.

Eric Tillet, Republican, filed May 19.

Collister M. Fahie, Republican, filed May 19.

Marvin A. Blyden, Democrat, filed May 19.

Kashief Hamilton, Democrat, filed May 19.

Joel S. Browne Connors, Democrat, filed May 19.

Sennai Habtes, Independent, filed May 19.

Imani Daniel, Independent, filed May 19.

Dr. Krishna C. Kilaru, M.D., Independent, filed May 19.

Gregory P. Smith, Independent, filed May 19.

Rudel A. Hodge Jr., Democrat, filed May 19.

Eugene D.J. Farrell, Independent, filed May 19.

Vernon Araujo, Independent, filed May 19.

At-Large Legislature

The unofficial list includes the following aspirants for the Legislature At-Large seat:

Angel Bolques Jr., Democrat, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 14.

Hadiya Sewer, Independent, filed in the St. Thomas-St. John District on May 18.

Board of Education

St. Croix District

The unofficial list includes the following St. Croix Board of Education aspirants:

Winona A. Hendricks, Democrat, filed May 12.

Vincent H.A. Gordon Jr., Independent, filed May 12.

Mojania “Mo” Denis, Democrat, filed May 12.

Christopher Jacobs Jr., Democrat, filed May 12.

Lucy M. Jackson PhD, Independent, filed May 13.

Terrence T. Joseph, Democrat, filed May 18.

St. Thomas-St. John District

The unofficial list includes the following St. Thomas-St. John Board of Education aspirants:

D’Vonte J. Xavier, Democrat, filed May 12.

Bruce Flamon, Independent, filed May 13.

Judy M. Gomez, Democrat, filed May 14.

Michelle M. Cawthron, Democrat, filed May 19.

Arah C. Lockhart, Democrat, filed May 19.

Board of Elections

St. Croix District

The unofficial list includes the following St. Croix Board of Elections aspirants:

Mary “Peggy” Moorhead, Independent, filed May 12.

Shamari I. Haynes, Democrat, filed May 12.

Juliet L. Liburd, Independent, filed May 14.

Kareem T. Francis, Independent, filed May 19.

Franz A. Christian Jr., Republican, filed May 19.

St. Thomas-St. John District

The unofficial list includes the following St. Thomas-St. John Board of Elections aspirants:

Atanya S. Springette, Democrat, filed May 12.

Joycelyn Jacobs, Democrat, filed May 14.

Barbara A. Petersen, Democrat, filed May 18.

Raven Phillips, Independent, filed May 19.

Preston R. Evans, Democrat, filed May 19.

Kevin A. Rodriguez, Democrat, filed May 19.

Harriet A. Mercer, Republican, filed May 19.

The Elections System emphasized that the listing is unofficial. Certification of aspirants is required by June 2.