

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Farrell Goes Home, Bennett Survives

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ST. THOMAS -- Members of the 31st Legislature, at the Earl B. Ottley Hall today, acted on 16 nominees of Governor Kenneth Mapp, all of whom received a favorable nod, bar Eugene Farrell, who was rejected by 13 senators, except Clifford Graham and Myron Jackson.

The nominees and results are as follows:

- Nomination: Mr. Valdamier O. Collens Commissioner-Nominee Department of Finance (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Mrs. Beverly Nicholson-Doty Commissioner-Nominee Department of Tourism (**Approved**)

- Nomination: Mr. Milton Potter Director-Nominee Division of Personnel (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Mr. Carlos Robles Commissioner-Nominee Department of Agriculture (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Mr. Eugene Farrell Director-Nominee Virgin Islands Fire Services (**Failed**)
- Nomination: Mr. Devin Carrington Commissioner-Nominee Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Mr. Marvin Pickering Director-Nominee Bureau of Internal Revenue (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Mr. Gustav James Commissioner-Nominee Department of Public Works (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Mrs. Vivian Ebbesen Fludd Commissioner-Nominee Department of Human Services (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Ms. Dawn Henry, Esq., Commissioner-Nominee Department of Planning and Natural Resources (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Mr. Nellon Bowry DIRECTOR-Nominee Office of Management and Budget (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Mr. Richard Doumeng Member Nominee Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Mr. Frederick Joseph Member Nominee Public Employees Relations Board (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Mr. Randolph N. Bennett Commissioner-Nominee Department of Property and Procurement (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Mr. Cedric Armstrong Member Nominee Virgin Islands Taxi Cab Commission (**Approved**)
- Nomination: Ms. Deborah Howell Adjutant General -Nominee Virgin Islands National Guard (**Approved**)

Senators who voted against Farrell cited the same concerns they relayed during a Rules and Judiciary Committee meeting. And as for Bennett, some lawmakers continued to express frustration with the way he handled the master's degree mix-up. Others, however, said they were not disquieted by the Property and Procurement acting commissioner's character.

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Feature Image: Eugene Farrell.

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