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Neville James Is Sent Home. He Had Stressed The Importance Of Keeping Seasoned Lawmakers In Power.

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The Board of Elections has counted all the ballots of the 2018 primary election, and though the numbers grew, the results remained about the same.

Senator Neville James, whose fate rested in the hand of absentee ballots, was unable to overcome Oakland Benta's small lead, which held Mr. James in the 8th place by just 7 votes with 1,461 to Mr. Benta's 1,468.

In an interview with The Consortium before the primary, Mr. James said one of the reasons he decided to seek reelection after rumors circulated that he would not, was because he worried that with too many newcomers, some would lack the institutional know-how to be successful legislators. He'd said part of his mission moving forward was to clear a path for young leaders — whether they're part of the Majority or Minority caucus. Mr. James said the last four years in the Senate had seen strong leadership from the St. Croix District, whose senators had been leading the Majority's agenda — among them Mr. Violet, Mr. Francis and Mr. James.

Elsewhere on St. Croix, Alicia Barnes maintained her first place position with 2,651 votes, followed by Allison DeGazon with 2,328 votes. Senators Novelle Francis and Kurt Violet were tied in third place at 1,842 votes each.

On St. Thomas, Donna Frett-Gregory's votes grew in the final count to 3,048. She was followed by Senator Marvin Blyden with 2,557 votes in second place, Athneil Thomas in third with 2,299, and Senator Myron Jackson in fourth with 2,227.

The Board of Elections will certify the results on Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Thomas and St. Croix Elections System offices.

See full results below (if you're using a mobile device, hold it horizontally to see full results):

PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 30)	30	100.00	
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	32,330		
REGISTERED VOTERS - Democrat	32,330	100.00	
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	9,896		
BALLOTS CAST - Democrat	9,896	100.00	
BALLOTS CAST - Nonpartisan	0		
BALLOTS CAST - BLANK	19	.19	
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL		30.61	
VOTER TURNOUT - Democrat		30.61	
VOTER TURNOUT - BLANK		.06	

***** (Democrat) *****

GOVERNOR & LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (VOTE FOR) 1 (WITH 30 OF 30 PRECINCTS COUNTED) Albert Bryan 3,331 39.23 Allison "Allie" Petrus 2,859 33.67 Angel E. Dawson Jr. 2,265 26.68 WRITE-IN. 36 .42

LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AT LARGE (VOTE FOR) 1 (WITH 30 OF 30 PRECINCTS COUNTED) Steven D. Payne Sr. 3,482 50.09 Stacie B. January. 2,090 30.06 Brian A. Smith. 1,350 19.42 WRITE-IN. 30 .43

LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ST. THOMAS / ST. JOHN (VOTE FOR) 7 (WITH 15 OF 15 PRECINCTS COUNTED) Donna Frett Gregory 3,048 12.70 Marvin A. Blyden 2,557 10.65 Athneil "Bobby" Thomas 2,299 9.58 Myron D. Jackson 2,227 9.28 Stedmann Hodge Jr. 2,124 8.85 Carla Joseph 1,823 7.59 Jean A. Forde 1,716 7.15 Kent Bernier, Sr. 1,639 6.83 Sean "Skooly" Georges 1,426 5.94 Albert F. Richardson. 1,275 5.31 Jonathan P. Tucker Jr. 1,159 4.83 Randolph Thomas 935 3.89 Randolph N. Bennett 880 3.67 Beatrice Gumbs. 765 3.19

WRITE-IN. 133 .55

LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ST. CROIX (VOTE FOR) 7 (WITH 15 OF 15 PRECINCTS COUNTED) Alicia Barnes 2,651 12.52 Allison DeGazon 2,328 10.99 Novelle E Francis, Jr. 1,842 8.70 Kurt Vialet. 1,842 8.70 Javan James. 1,640 7.74 Kenneth Kenny Gittens 1,560 7.37 Oakland Benta 1,468 6.93 Neville James 1,461 6.90 Nemmy Williams-Jackson 1,374 6.49 Terrence D. Joseph 1,218 5.75 Karen Chancellor 985 4.65 Douglas Canton. 915 4.32 Dean R. Andrews 705 3.33 Juan Figueroa-Serville 635 3.00 Annette L. S. Scott 338 1.60 R.J. Hammer. 147 .69 WRITE-IN. 72 .34

TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE - AT LARGE (VOTE FOR) 16 (WITH 30 OF 30 PRECINCTS COUNTED) Dwayne Benjamin 2,431 15.59 Riise E. S. Richards. 2,384 15.29 Marilyn Stapleton. 2,185 14.01 Horace A. Callwood 1,713 10.99 Florine Audain Hassell 1,470 9.43 Lauretta Petersen. 1,463 9.38 Shelley Thomas. 1,433 9.19 Urdley Smith 1,276 8.18 Rudolph Anthony Greene 799 5.12 WRITE-IN. 437 2.80

TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT ST. CROIX (VOTE FOR) 8 (WITH 15 OF 15 PRECINCTS COUNTED) Donna M. Christensen. 1,959 43.82 Sonia Boyce. 938 20.98 Cecil R. Benjamin. 869 19.44 Peter A. Abrahams. 630 14.09 WRITE-IN. 75 1.68

TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE DISTRICT ST. THOMAS / ST. JOHN (VOTE FOR) 8 (WITH 15 OF 15 PRECINCTS COUNTED) Riise E. S. Richards. 1,966 42.31 Clement Magras. 1,885 40.56 Roger Minkoff 700 15.06 WRITE-IN. 96 2.07

BOARD OF EDUCATION ST. CROIX (VOTE FOR) 2 (WITH 15 OF 15 PRECINCTS COUNTED) Terrence T. Joseph 1,185 26.37 Winona A. Hendricks 1,030 22.92 Shawna Richards 1,001 22.27 Susanna Callwood-Smith 689 15.33 Emmanuella Perez 584 13.00 WRITE-IN. 5 .11