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**BY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS**

TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNOR'S MILLENNIAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands is a place where pride may be taken in its sense of community and youth involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands community places strong value in its young people; and

WHEREAS, we, as a close-knit community, recognize the vital role of the younger population in nation building, and believe it is our duty to promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, and intellectual well-being; and,

WHEREAS, we endeavor to provide opportunity for young people who share a desire to be more involved with local government and its decision-making; and

WHEREAS, as Governor, I have a deep commitment to encouraging youth involvement in public and civic affairs.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, do hereby **ORDER**:

SECTION 1. There is established within the Office of the Governor, the Governor's Millennial Council.

SECTION 2. The mission of the Governor's Millennial Council is to make available the resources that will foster personal, social, and economic advancement opportunities for Millennial and Generation Z aged Virgin Islanders. The Council envisions a progressive Virgin Islands in which new ideas seamlessly meet pre-existing resources.

SECTION 3. Membership of the Governor's Millennial Council shall be open to any Virgin Islands resident by vote of the initial members of the Council and approval by the Governor. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary. A member can have their membership terminated by a majority vote of the members of the Council.

Council members shall not discuss or disclose information about the Council or its activities to any person or entity unless such information is already a matter of public knowledge or required to be disclosed under the provisions of the Open Meetings Act. V.I. Code Ann. tit. 1, § 254.

SECTION 4. Meetings of the Governor's Millennial Council shall be conducted as follows:

- a. The Council shall meet quarterly commencing after effective date of this Executive Order or more frequently if circumstances require or upon call of the Chair of the Council.
- b. The Secretary shall cause to be mailed or emailed to every Council member in good standing at their address as it appears in the membership roll book a notice advising of the time and place of such meetings.
- c. All meetings of the Council may be held virtually provided each Council member is able to hear and see all other Council members.
- d. The presence of not less than 40% of the current members shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of the Council; but a lesser percentage may adjourn the meeting for a period of not more than 3 weeks from the date of the scheduled meeting and the Secretary shall cause a notice of the re-scheduled meeting to be sent to all members. A quorum as herein set forth shall be required at any adjourned meeting.
- e. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Chair when it is deemed in the best interest of the Council. Notices of such meeting shall be sent to all members at such addresses as they appear in the membership roll book at least 14 days before the scheduled date set for such special meeting. Such notice shall state the reasons that was called. At the request of 60% of the members of the Council, the Chair shall cause a special meeting to be called but such request must be made in writing at least 14 days before the requested scheduled date. No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at such meeting.
- f. Notices of any meetings may be sent to all members of the Council by electronic mail or hand-delivery or US Mail at such electronic, physical, or postal address provided by each member of the Council.
- g. At all meetings, except for the elections of officers, all votes shall be by voice. For election of officers, ballots shall be provided and there shall not appear any place on such ballot that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot.
- h. At any meeting at which officers are elected by ballot, the Chair of such meeting shall, prior to the commencement of balloting, appoint a committee of three who shall act as "Inspectors of Election" and who shall, at the conclusion of such balloting, certify in writing to the Chair the results and a copy of such certification shall be physically affixed to the minute of that meeting.

- i. No inspector of election shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question voted upon.
- j. The Order of Business at each meeting shall be as follows:
 - Roll Call
 - Reading of the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting
 - Reports of Committees
 - Reports of Officers
 - Old and Unfinished Business
 - New Business
 - Adjournments

SECTION 5. The initial members of the Governor's Millennial Council shall be as follows:

- a. Khalarni Rivers
- b. Shamari Haynes
- c. Kevin Dixon
- d. Michael Pemberton
- e. Nyalia Callwood
- f. Additional members of the Council may be selected as provided above in Section 3.
- g. Each member shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.

SECTION 6. The initial officers of the Council and duties of each officer shall be as follows:

- a. The initial officers of the organization shall be:
 - Khalarni Rivers - Chair
 - Shamari Haynes- Vice Chair
 - Kevin Dixon- Secretary
 - Michael Pemberton- Treasurer
 - Nyalia Callwood - Public Relations Officer
- b. The Chair shall preside at all Council meetings. The Chair shall present at each annual meeting of the Council an annual report of the work of the Council. The Chair shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent. The Chair shall have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chair of any board or commission.
- c. The Vice Chair shall in the event of the absence or inability of the Chair to exercise his office shall become Acting Chair of the Council with all the rights, privileges and powers as if they had been the duly elected Chair.
- d. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the Council in appropriate digital form and saved in accordance with Office of the Governor protocols. It shall be the Secretary's duty to file any certificate required by any statute, federal or state. The Secretary shall give and serve all notices to members of the Council. They shall be the official custodian of the records. They shall present to the Council members at any meetings any communication addressed to them as Secretary of the Council. The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence of the Council and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

- e. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the Council whether by appropriation, grant or donation and shall be solely responsible for such monies of the Council. They shall cause to be deposited in a regular business bank or trust company all sums belonging to the Council. They must be one of the officers who shall sign checks or drafts of the Council. They shall render at stated periods as the Council shall determine a written account of the finances of the Council and such report shall be affixed to the minutes of the Council of such meeting. They shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Treasurer.
- f. The Public Relations Officer manages community relations on behalf of the Council. The Public Relations Officer will find strategies to spread awareness of the various initiatives of the Governor's Millennial Council and ensure that the Council's branding is upheld in all endeavors. They will handle any public relations related issues that may arise. They will coordinate the writing, editing and review of all media content and press releases.
- g. No member shall for reason of his office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an officer or director for receiving any compensation from the Council for duties other than as a director or officer.
- h. Any member of the Council who fails to fulfill any of his or her requirements can be voted to be removed from the Council provisions set forth in Section 3.
- i. Whenever any vacancy occurs in the Council it shall be filled without undue delay by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Council at a regular meeting.

SECTION 7. The Council may be funded by appropriations from the General Fund through the Office of the Governor or from grants, bequests, awards, or donations from public or private sources.

SECTION 8. The Council shall hire and fix the compensation, in consultation with the Governor, of any and all employees which it in its discretion may determine to be necessary for the conduct of the business of the Council.

SECTION 9. The Governor's Millennial Council shall have one Advisor/Liaison to the Governor. The Advisor shall be designated by the Governor. The initial advisor shall be Eugenie C. Williams.

SECTION 10. All committees of this organization shall be created by the Council and their term of office shall be for a period of one year or less if sooner terminated by the action of the Council. The Millennial Council Chair shall appoint all committee chairs. The Committees may seek out members of the community, government agencies, and relevant organizations to be working members of the Committees. The initial Committees shall be:

- a. Home Ownership

The Home Ownership Committee focuses on the availability and accessibility of housing stock.

b. Economic Opportunity

The Economic Opportunity Committee works with business experts in the public, private and nonprofit sectors to organize programs and events that foster career readiness, entrepreneurial experience, and fundraising capabilities.

c. School/Education

The Community/School Outreach Committee provides educational services and solutions to schools, communities, and faith-based entities. This Committee will also conduct programs, communities, and school needs assessments and provide feedback to the Council.

d. Culture & Arts

The Culture & Arts Committee strings together partnerships with cultural bearers, marine environmentalists, artists, agri-business experts, historical groups, education professionals and other community leaders to organize events and programs that showcase local talent, while propelling VI Culture forward.

e. Health & Wellness

The Health & Wellness Committee assesses the various mental, physical, psychological, and spiritual needs of the community, and partners with health professionals to organize forums, expositions, fairs, and various community events to address these problems.

f. Communications

The Communications Committee works with the Public Relations Officer, Council Chair, and Committee Chairs to handle public relations, website management and media coverage. Tasks include:

- Planning publicity strategies and campaigns
- Writing and producing presentations and press releases
- Addressing inquiries from the public, the press, and related organizations
- Organizing and attending promotional events such as press conferences, exhibitions, tours, and visits
- Speaking publicly at interviews, press conferences, and presentations
- Providing the community with information about new funding opportunities
- Analyzing media coverage
- This committee will also assist with working on the website and social media platforms of the Council, and writing, and/or producing presentations, reports,

articles, leaflets, journals, and brochures for both external and internal distribution.

SECTION 11. The Council may hire an Executive Director who shall serve at the will of the Council. The Executive Director shall have immediate and overall supervision of the day-to-day operations of the Council and perform such additional duties as may be directed by the Council. No officer or Council member may individually instruct the Executive Director or any other employee unless so authorized by Council directive. The Executive Director shall make such reports at meetings of the Council as shall be required by the Chair. The Executive Director shall be an ad-hoc member of all committees.

The Executive Director may not be related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity to any Council member. The Executive Director may be hired at any meeting of the Council by a majority vote and shall serve until removed by the Council upon an affirmative vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members present at any meeting of the Council. Such removal may be with or without cause. Nothing herein shall confer any property interest in compensation or other rights on any Executive Director, who shall remain an employee terminable at will, as provided in this Section.


SECTION 12. The Council may submit to the Governor proposed changes to the terms of this Executive Order following approval of the proposed changes by a favorable vote of not less than 75% of the Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto executed this Executive Order by setting my hand and causing the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to be affixed at Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, this 14th day of December, A.D., 2021.




Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:


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Lt. Governor