



## VACANCY NOTICE VIRGIN ISLANDS TRADE COMMISSION BOARD

### VISION FOR PROSPERITY

*The Government's Vision is to transform the Virgin Islands into a leading economy through entrepreneurship, innovation and local and foreign investment. This means creating a thriving, vibrant, diversified and innovative, knowledge-based economy, with an attractive business environment that ensures full employment and full participation in global trade.*

*The Government of the Virgin Islands is therefore seeking dynamic persons, who are innovative thinkers and qualified industry leaders and experts who share in this vision for prosperity, to fill the position of Board Members for the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Board.*

### VIRGIN ISLANDS TRADE COMMISSION BOARD

The Virgin Islands Trade Commission Board (VITCB) was established under the Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act, 2020 under the portfolio of the Premier's Office. The Board's role is to provide general oversight and govern the affairs of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission within the legislative framework of the National Trade Policy of the Virgin Islands, in achieving the overall mission and mandate for Trade and Economic Development of the Virgin Islands.

The Board is given the legal authority and responsibility for the achievement of the Trade Policy objectives for the sustainable development of the economy of the Virgin Islands. This is to ensure well-balanced and stable approaches to development by providing systematic linkage with other relevant policies and legislation, in the pursuit of similar objectives for the development of trade and business.

### Membership of the Board

The Virgin Islands Trade Commission Act, 2020, requires that the Board be comprised of seven (7) persons appointed by the Cabinet, as follows:

- a) the Trade Commissioner, ex officio;
- b) a legal practitioner;
- c) a representative from the environmental sector;
- d) a representative from the education sector;
- e) a representative from the social sector;
- f) a representative from business and trade associations;
- g) a representative of the private business sector.

The Act also requires that the membership listed above:

- a) include a person from the Sister Islands;
- b) include a young person between the ages of eighteen to thirty-five years old; and
- c) may be from the public or private sector.

Members of the Board may serve for two consecutive terms, where the length of a term is three years.

### BOARD MEMBERS' TRAINING/SKILLS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Prospective candidates must bring special talents, skills, and knowledge to serve on the Board in order to contribute towards the governance and policy direction of Virgin Islands Trade Commission Board. They should have the professional competencies and a balance of skills that match the mandate and responsibilities of the Board, and serve in at least one of the following key areas including; Law and legal affairs, environmental; education, social community, business and trade association, and the private business sector. This may also include Board experience, understanding of basic Board procedures, business, and an enthusiasm for the work of the organisation, willingness to learn Board skills, technical skills, and the ability to listen.

Additionally, candidates may be from the public or private sector, where at least one of the candidates must be a person from one of the Sister Islands and one must include a young person between the ages of eighteen to thirty-five years old.

### THE IDEAL CANDIDATES SHOULD EMBODY THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES

- a) Innovative thinkers, industry leaders and experts within various sectors of the economy who desire to make significant contribution towards our development to positively impact the economy of the Virgin Islands.
- b) Willingness to make a professional commitment to the Board in carrying out its vision and mission and actively contribute to the discussion on related topics.
- c) Must have a clear understanding of business and trade, and the need for overall development of the economy of the Virgin Islands.
- d) Must be willing to partner with members of the Board to ensure resolutions are carried out and that actions to achieve the Board's strategic goals are successfully executed.
- e) Ability to demonstrate a commitment to confidentiality, integrity, and good corporate governance.
- f) Capable and willing to attend scheduled Board meetings, and actively contribute to the Board deliberations.
- g) Ability to develop a good working relationship with other Board members and contribute to the Board's working relationship with its senior management.
- h) Ability to think strategically, manage complexity and act decisively.
- i) Demonstrate ability and willingness to work effectively and collaboratively in a group.

Applicants must reside in the Virgin Islands and meet all the conditions of eligibility.

Applicants are invited to submit the following:

- I. Letter expressing interest on the Board and contribution towards development of the economy.
- II. Resume or curriculum vitae

Please address and email or hand deliver documents to:

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Premier's Office  
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**CLOSING DATE: 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**