

**Virgin Islands Board of Public Accountancy
Office of Boards and Commissions
Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs
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St. Croix, VI 00820**

November 25, 2023

Honorable Diane T. Capehart
Chair
Rules and Judiciary Committee
35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
3022 Estate Golden Rock
Christiansted
St. Croix, VI 00820

RE: Nomination of Ms. H. Nathalie Hodge

Dear Senator Capehart,

The Virgin Islands Board of Public Accountancy (Board), under the Office of Boards and Commissions writes this letter in support of Ms. H. Nathalie Hodge, Governor Albert Bryan Jr.'s, nominee for Commissioner of the V.I. Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA).

Ms. Hodge has served as the Administrator of Boards and Commissions since 2008. As administrator, she took the time required to educate herself on the issues affecting CPA's in and out of the territory. She provided critical support to the Board as they undertook the task of bringing current the antiquated Virgin Islands Code that regulated the Board and the CPA profession in the Territory. This undertaking now known as "The Public Accountancy Act of 2014", involved research, education, outreach, and training of board staff. In addition, Ms. Hodge provided meaningful insight into the development of the Board's rules and regulations, a first for the Board. The importance of the impact the Legislation and Rules had on the Board's ability to protect the public was never lost on Ms. Hodge.

Ms. Hodge's 24-year career in the Department has prepared her well for the position of Commissioner. She possesses the tenacity, leadership, and experience to lead the Department ensuring that the consumer is always protected. If confirmed by the Legislature, the Board looks forward to our continued working relationship with her, as she continues to serve the Virgin Islands Community positively and successfully.

Sincerely,

Janice V. Hodge

Janice V. Hodge, CPA
Board Chair

CC: H. Nathalie Hodge

Commissioner Nominee

Members: Denise Jeremiah (STT) Leslie Smith (STJ)
 Deepak Bansal (STX) Yolander Samuel Deterville (STX)