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NOMINEE'S NAME: Kirk Callwood Sr.

## **SECTION I: BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| 1. NAME: (Last) Cal            | iwood (Fir:                | st) Kirk                     | (Middle)            | (Other) Sr     |
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| 2. SOCIAL SECURITY             | 7:                         |                              |                     |                |
| 3. ADDRESS:                    |                            | -                            |                     |                |
| Mailing: 8170 Cr               | own Bay Marina #48         | 7 St. Thomas, VI 00          | 802                 |                |
| Residential:                   |                            | VI 0080                      | 2                   |                |
| Business: Same                 | as residential.            |                              |                     |                |
| E-Mail: kirkcallw              | ood@email.com              |                              |                     |                |
|                                | )                          | (Cell)                       |                     | (Home)         |
| 4. Length of Reside            | nce in the Virgin Islan    | nds: 13 Years                |                     |                |
| 5. Date of Birth:              |                            |                              |                     |                |
| 6. Place of Birth: S           | t. Thomas, USVI            |                              |                     |                |
| 7. Marital Status:             | X_Married                  | Single                       | Widowed             | Divorced       |
| 8. Full Name of Spo            | use: Tracy E. Callwo       | od                           |                     |                |
| <b>Mailing &amp; Residenti</b> | al Address: Same as        | nominee.                     |                     |                |
| Business, Name & A             | Virgin Islan<br>St. Thomas | ds Department of L. VI 00802 | abor 2353 Kronprino | lsens Gade     |
|                                |                            | 9. EDUCATION                 |                     |                |
| institution                    | Dates Attended             | Degree Received              | Date Received       | Certifications |
| Norfolk State<br>University    | 1993 - 1997                | B.S. Finance                 | 1997                |                |
| Kennesaw State<br>University   | 2004 - 2006                | MBA                          | 2006                |                |
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10. EMPLOYMENT RECORD: Please list, in chronological order, your complete employment record for the past ten (10) years, beginning with the present or most recent position.

[Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

| Employer                                   | Dates of<br>Employment | Position                | Address/Phone #  | Supervisor                                |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| Merchants Commercial<br>Bank               | 2020 - 2024            | VP and COO              | Tutu Park Mall<br>Suite 100<br>St. Thomas, VI 008        | James Crites<br>2                         |
| United States Virgin<br>Islands Government | 2019 - 2020            | Commissioner of Finance | 2314 Kronprindsens<br>Gade Charlotte<br>Amalie, VI 00802 | The Honorable<br>Governor<br>Albert Bryan |
| international Capital & Management Company | 2012 - 2018            | COO                     | 1600 Kongens Gade<br>St. Thomas, VI 0080                 |   |
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### 11. GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:

A. List all federal, state, territorial or local government services, giving dates and type of service such as employee, boards, commissions, executive, legislative or judicial branches, consultant, voluntary service, part-time or honorary. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

B. List and attach a copy of all service contracts you have held independently or been a party to with the Government of the Virgin Islands. None.

| Throughout my career, I have served in several significant roles within the Virgin Islands Government | nt       |
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| contributing to the oversight and advancement of public institutions and finances.                    | e        |
| Territorial Hospital Board (Virgin Islands Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation) fi |          |
| January 2019 to October 2020, I provided strategic oversight and guidance for hospital operations and | l fiscal |
| management, ensuring financial accountability and effective service delivery.                         |          |
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12. BUSINESSES AND FINANCIAL INTEREST: List all businesses (for profit or not for profit), real estate and trusts in which you have at least a 10% interest or control of assets or serve as an officer or member of a board with voting rights. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

Alpha Alpha Management, LLC - Member Manager

My Brother's Workshop - Board of Director

13. QUALIFICATIONS: What in your opinion qualifies you to serve the People of the Virgin Islands in the position which the Governor has nominated you?

With over 23 years of experience in finance, banking, and government leadership, I bring a well-rounded perspective to serving the People of the Virgin Islands. My career began in banking at Wachovia, where I held progressive leadership roles, culminating in the position of Banking Operations Manager. During my tenure, I managed specialized corporate accounts, implemented performance-enhancing initiatives, and identified significant cost savings. Later, as Chief Operations Officer and Vice President at Merchants Commercial Bank, I led core banking system transformations, regulatory compliance initiatives, and risk mitigation strategies.

See the attachment for additional information.

#### **SECTION II: HONORS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**14. MEMBERSHIPS:** List all memberships and offices held in professional, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, and other organizations.

Rotary Club of St. Thomas II, Past President, Past Treasurer

My Brother's Workshop (MBW). Executive Board Member and Treasurer.

15. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, TRUSTS, ETC.: List all government or private sector boards, trusts, or fiduciary responsible positions on which you have served or are now serving.

Rotary St. Thomas IL My Brother's Workshop. Virgin Islands Banking Board. Board of Tax Review, VI Lottery Commission, Public Finance Authority Board, Virgin Islands Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation, Virgin Islands Tax Study Commission, Dekalb Academy of Technology and the Environment

16. HONORS AND AWARDS: List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honor society memberships, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

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|     | ganized election forums to engage citizens in governance.  |
|     | tively participated in RT Park Round Tables on economic development.  Tructor for Certified Public Manager (CPM) courses at the University of the Virgin Islands.                |
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|     | PUBLISHED WRITINGS: List all titles, publishers and dates of books, articles, reports, or published materials you have written.  |
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|     | SECTION III: CHARACTER   |
| •   | Have you ever been the subject of a grand jury, police, and department of justice or any legally constituted government authority, investigation anywhere or at anytime? YESX_NO |
|     | If your answer is yes, please explain with details including date and location. [Attach additiona sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]                    |
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|     | Have you ever been arrested in any geographical location for any offense, including traffic violations?YESX_NO   |
|     | violations? YES X NO   |
|     | If yes, please explain with details including offense, date of location and disposition. [Attach   |
|     | violations? YES X NO  If yes, please explain with details including offense, date of location and disposition. [Attach   |

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| 20. | Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor?YES _X_NO If yes, please explain with details including offense, date, location, and current status. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]                      |
| 21. | is there now or has there ever been a judgment entered against you?YES _X_NO If the answer is yes, please explain with details on date, location and disposition or current status. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number] |
| 22. | Have you ever been a respondent in any labor dispute or discrimination proceeding? YES X_NO  |
|     | If the answer is yes, please explain with details on date, location and disposition or current status. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]  |
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| 23. | Have you ever been <u>named as a party</u> in any hearing, administrative, civil, and criminal, including Equal Employment Opportunity or sexual harassment? $X$ YESNO   |
|     | , please explain in detail, giving date, venue, agency, and the names of the other parties and the sition. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]  |
|     | I have been named as a defendant in a civil case during my tenure as Commissioner of Finance for the ernment of the Virgin Islands.  |

Office of the Governor Questionnaire for Nominees to Departments, Agencies, Boards & Commissions 7 | Page NOMINEE'S NAME: Kirk Callwood Sr. In 2016, the Government Employees Retirement System of the Virgin Islands (GERS) filed a lawsuit against the Government of the Virgin Islands (GVI) in the District Court of the Virgin Islands to enforce a 1981 consent judgment. GERS alleged that GVI had failed to remit the employer contributions mandated by statute, leading to significant underfunding of the retirement system. The lawsuit sought to recover unpaid contributions to address this financial shortfall. In April 2021, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit affirmed in part and vacated in part the District Court's judgment. The Third Circuit upheld an award of \$18.9 million in principal and \$6.1 million in Interest to GERS but vacated an additional \$43 million payment, stating that the consent judgment did not require GVI to fund GERS to the point of actuarial coundness. The court emphasized that resolving GERS's underfunding issues required legislative action. See the attachment for additional information. Have you now or have you ever been a member of an organization or an associate of an 24. individual advocating terrorism, overthrow of a government by force or the advocacy or subordination of any ethnic group or individuals? YES X NO If the answer is yes, please give details of dates, names of organizations, names of individuals and all pertinent circumstances. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number) 25. Do you know of any individual, organization or group, which can be expected to oppose your nomination? \_\_\_YES \_X\_NO If the answer is yes, please list the individuals, organizations or groups by name and give the details of your belief for their opposition. (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number

26. Do you have any outstanding and delinquent monetary obligations to the Government of the Virgin Islands or any other public or private entity, including but not limited to, personal income taxes, business taxes, real property taxes (commercial or residential), business license renewals, trade name renewals, annual reporting fees, professional organization dues, child support, judgments, debt

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| Government of the Virgin Islands, includes but is not limited to the following departm   | nents, agencies  |
| and instrumentalities: the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Tax Assessor, Department of Jus   |  |
| Paternity and Child Support, Board of Education, Economic Development Authorit   |  |
| Business Administration, Small Business Development Center, Police Department, (   |  |
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| Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Water and Power Authority, the Waste Managem   | ent Authority,   |
| Department of Health, Department of Human Services   |  |
| YESX _NO   |  |
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| If the answer is yes, please attach a detailed explanation of what outstanding a   |  |
| monetary obligations are owed, the reason for the delinquency, and the intended plants of t | an to bring the  |
| matter current.  |  |
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| SECTION IV: CONFLICT OF INTEREST   |  |
| 27. Please explain your understanding of "Conflict of Interest" as it applies to the po  | sition to which  |
| you have been nominated to serve the People of the Virgin Islands.   |  |
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| I see conflict of interest as a relationship or situation that has a direct or indirect influence  | e on decision-making. It   |
| occurs when personal, financial, or professional interests could potentially interfere with  |  |
| impartiality required to perform my duties effectively. To uphold the trust and integrity  | of the position I believe in   |
| identifying and addressing any potential conflicts proactively. This includes recusing my  |  |
| decisions where my involvement might give the appearance of bias or compromise the   |  |
| committed to maintaining transparency and ensuring that all decisions are made solely in   |  |
| people of the Virgin Islands. Should any potential conflict arise, I would follow establish  |  |
| eliminate it, ensuring that the board's work remains fair, impartial, and aligned with its   |  |
| 28. Do you own a business or real estate, or are you a partner or shareholder or a   | iffiliated in any  |
| way to sell or provide goods or services to the Virgin Islands Government?   |  |
| YESX_NO  |  |
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| If the answer is yes, please explain and give the name and location of these interest(s  |  |
| promise to remove yourself from any possible conflict. (Attach additional sheet(s), if   | necessary, and   |
| reference this question number]  |  |
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| <b>!9</b> .   | Does any close relative or spouse have a business or real estate interest(s) as described in question 25?YES _X_NO   |  |  |  |
|   | answer is yes, please explain and give the name and location of these interest(s) and how you use to remove yourself from any possible conflict. (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary.)                   |  |  |  |
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|   | SECTION V: JOB PERFORMANCE   |  |  |  |
| <b>30</b> .   | In no more than 150 words, please outline in priority order your four (4) specific short-term and four (4) specific long-term goals and objectives you would employ to achieve the entity's                    |  |  |  |
|   | purpose and improve its service delivery system if your nomination is confirmed for this position.   |  |  |  |
| Shor  | t-Term Goals:  |  |  |  |
|   | to strengthen regulatory compliance and oversight to ensure accountability and transparency. Expandi   |  |  |  |
|   | icial services for underserved communities and small businesses is a priority, with a focus on financial   |  |  |  |
|   | acy and partnerships with local banks. Streamlining board operations with modern tools to improve decing is essential. Addressing emerging risks, such as cybersecurity, will enhance the sector's resilience. |  |  |  |
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31. Is there any additional information that you believe would assist the Committee on Rules and the Judiciary in processing your nomination expeditiously?

I believe my extensive background in finance, banking, and government leadership provides the Committee on Rules and the Judiciary with a strong foundation to assess my nomination. Having served as Commissioner of Finance, Vice President of Banking, and Chief Operations Officer, I bring a unique blend of strategic, operational, and regulatory expertise that aligns with the responsibilities of this role. My demonstrated ability to navigate complex challenges, including improving fiscal accountability, restructuring debt, and managing financial crises during my tenure, highlights my capability to contribute effectively to the Virgin Islands Banking Board. Additionally, my leadership roles in civic and charitable organizations, such as Rotary and My Brother's Workshop, demonstrate my commitment to the community and a holistic understanding of its needs. I am fully prepared to provide any further documentation or clarification that the Committee may require and am committed to ensuring a smooth and transparent nomination process. Thank you for your consideration.

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#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to certify and affirm that all the statements contained herein and in any supporting documents or schedules or other such supporting documents or schedules executed at a later date as a part or addendum to this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good

Signed this 20

Kirk Callwood Sr.

Nominee's Name [Print Clearly]

Sworn and subscribed before me this

day of December, 20 24

My commission expires:

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Rosemond Elei Notary Public NP-785-24 My Commission Expires: Soptember 39, 2022 St. Thamas/St. John, U.S. Virgin felands

Kirk CallwoodSr.
Office of the Governor, Office of Legal Counsel

## Question 11 continue:

- A. During the same period, I was a member of the Public Finance Authority, where I oversaw public finance and capital projects, contributing to the summessful management of critical infrastructure initiatives. Add itionally, as a member of the Virgin Islands Lottery Commission, I provided governance and regulatory oversight for lottery operations, ensuring compliance and fixed subility. My expertise also extended to tax policy, serving on the Virgin Islands Tax Study Commission, where I provided actionable recommendations to improve the tax system's efficiency and revenue generation. These roles demonstrate my commitment to public service and my ability to navigate complex governance challenges, balancing finculan countability with the delivery of essential services to the community.
- B. None.

## Question 13 continue:

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Banking and Finance from Norfolk State University, which provided a strong foundation for my expertise in financial systems, risk management, and final policy. As Commissioner of Finance, I achieved critical miles ones, including securing a Moody's credit upgrade, leading public-private fundraising initiatives, and overseeing the territory's fiscal operations. My governance experience includes serving on key boards such as the Virgin Islands Banking Board, the Lottery Commission, and the Tax Study Commission, where I provided oversight and strategic guidance.

In addition to my professional accomplishments, I a mideeply committed to community and economic development. I have organized election for ans. taught Certified Public Manager (CPM) courses, and participated in RT Park Round Tables to foster collaboration and drive growth. As a Certified Treasury Professional (CTP), I bring advanced expertise in treasury management, Liquidity optimization, and risk mitigation. By combining my banking expertise, academic foundation, and leadership skills, I am well-prepared to the mission of the Virgin Islands Banking Board.

### Question 23 continue:

In April 2022, the parties reached a settlement agreement, which resulted in the dismissal of all pending actions related to the funding of the retirement system. This resolution was facilitated by legislation authorizing GVI to refinance bonds and use the savings to restore GERS's solvency for at least 30 years.

As Commissioner of Finance during this period, I was named in my official capacity as a defendant in the lawsuit. The case was ultimately resolved through legislative mansures and settlement agreements designed to ensure the long-term stability of the Government Employees Ref rement System.

Kirk Callwood Sr.
Office of the Governer, Office of Legal Counsel

# Question 30 continue:

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My long-term gools include advocating for policies that support sustainable economic growth and innovation. Expanding digital banking and mobile payment systems will improve financial access for individuals and businesses. Building collaborations with public and private entities to attract investment and diversify the coontray is key. Finally, aligning the Virgin Islands' regulatory frameworks with global standards will help position the territory as a financial hub.