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VI Government Announces Appointments to the Social Security Board

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The Government of the Virgin Islands has announced the reappointment of Mr. Glenroy Forbes as Chairman of the Social Security Board and Mr. Wendell Gaskin as a Representative of Employed Persons.

Both appointments are for a two-year term, with Mr. Forbes' appointment taking effect from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027 while Mr. Gaskin's appointment takes effect from April 15, 2025, to April 14, 2027.

Mr. Glenroy Forbes returns to the Board as Chairman, having previously served in the role from October 2021 to September 2024. As a legal and financial professional, he brings decades of expertise to the Board.

Mr. Forbes is a Senior Partner and Co-founder of Forbes Hare law chambers, where he has served since 2005. He also served as Financial Secretary of the Government of the Virgin Islands and as Chairman of the BVI Health Services Authority Board.

The Chairman's academic qualifications include a Master's degree in Economics from Morgan State University, an LLB from the University of Wales, and a Bachelor's degree in Social Science from the College of the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Wendell Gaskin, who will serve as a Representative of Employed Persons, is a retired public servant with over 30 years of service in the Virgin Islands Public Service. He holds a Bachelor degree in Business Administration in Accounting and an Associate of Arts in Business Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso.

Mr. Gaskin also brings extensive experience in finance and governance to the Board. Throughout his public service career, he has held several key leadership positions, including Deputy Financial Secretary, Director of Internal Audit, and Financial Comptroller at the BVI Ports Authority.

Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley, while commenting on the appointments stated that the Social Security Board plays a crucial role in safeguarding the well-being and financial security of the people of the Virgin Islands.

Honourable Wheatley said, “I am confident that Mr. Forbes and Mr. Gaskin will bring the experience and leadership needed to strengthen the Board’s oversight and strategic direction. Their service is an asset to the Territory, and I look forward to the positive impact they will continue to make.”

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