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Hon. Hodge-Smith takes on ministerial role

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Photo Captions:

Photo 1 - **Signing of the Confidentiality Oath** - Acting Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith, is pictured following her first Cabinet Meeting with Acting Governor Rosalie Adams, Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley, Minister for Health and Social Development, Honourable Vincent O. Wheatley, Attorney General, Honourable Dawn J. Smith, and Cabinet Secretary, Ms. Sandra Ward.

Photo 2 - **Hon. Hodge-Smith with Members of the Cabinet of the Virgin Islands** - Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, Rosalie Adams, appointed the Honourable Luce Hodge-Smith to perform the functions of Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports from 9 July to 10 July 2026, in accordance with section 52(2) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007, read together with section 4(1) of the said Order, and acting on the advice of the Premier. The appointment was published in the *Virgin Islands Official Gazette* on 9 July 2026. Honourable Hodge-Smith attended her first Cabinet Meeting today in her acting capacity as Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports.

Photo 3- **Hon. Hodge-Smith with Members of the Cabinet of the Virgin Islands -** Acting Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, Hon. Luce Hodge-Smith, paused for a commemorative photo following her first Cabinet Meeting alongside Acting Governor Rosalie Adams; Premier and Minister of Finance, Hon. Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley; Minister for Health and Social Development, Hon. Vincent O. Wheatley; and Attorney General, Hon. Dawn J. Smith.

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