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VI Government Seeks applicants from salt Island to serve on the Standing Committee

Release Date: 30 October, 2026

POSITIONS: (5) Members

BOARD: Salt Island Standing Committee

CLOSING DATE: 3rd December, 2026

MINISTRY: Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change

The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, and Climate Change invites applications from five (5) persons representing Salt Island to serve on the Standing Committee established under the **Crown Lands Management Act, 2024.**

SECTION 19 OF THE CROWN LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT, 2024:

1. There is established by this Act such Standing Committees as may be required for the functions as specified under subsection (3). The Standing Committees shall be established in particular for the following islands and area(s):
   a. Anegada;
   b. Salt Island;
   c. North Sound, Virgin Gorda;
   d. Nibbs Estate;
   e. Any other island or area that the Cabinet may by Order include for the purposes of this section, subject to an affirmative resolution of the House of Assembly.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Standing Committees shall work collaboratively with the Crown Lands Advisory Board and the Ministry responsible for Crown Lands to oversee the fair and transparent distribution of Crown Lands of the respective

records, and maps to identify traditional land use and occupation;

d. collect oral histories from community elders and leaders to document ancestral claims; these narratives are crucial for validating historical occupation;
e. organize meetings with all stakeholders, including indigenous communities, government officials, and other interested parties, ensuring that all voices are heard;
f. develop a system for prioritizing claims, possibly based on the strength of evidence considered, and the rationale for the recommendation; and
g. prepare detailed reports for each claim, outlining the evaluation process, evidence considered, and the rationale for the recommendation.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assist the Government of the Virgin Islands in preparing a comprehensive plan for Salt Island, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

1. An Associate's Degree;
2. Be trustworthy and confidential;
3. Be able to make sound, fair and equitable decisions;
4. Possess personal qualities of high integrity and resourcefulness;
5. Strong oral, written and research skills; and
6. The capacity to make timely decisions and implement decisive actions.

Islands under section 2(2)(h) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007, U.K.S.I. 2007 No. 1678; or

5. A person with ancestral connections to the sister island of Salt Island through their family lineage.

TERM OF SERVICE

Standing Committee Members are subject to the Protocol for the Appointment and removal of Statutory Board Members.

REMUNERATION

Travel Allowance as deemed necessary by the Ministry.

TO APPLY

Applicants should email their cover letter of interest detailing their lineage to Salt Island, curriculum vitae with supporting certificate(s) to **Dr. Ronald Berkeley**, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change at **menrcc@gov.vg** by **Friday, 3rd December, 2026.** Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

NOTES

Applicants must reside in the British Virgin Islands.

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The develop clear criteria for what constitutes an “ancestral land” including historical occupation, cultural significance, and continuous use. Specifythe types of documents require to support claims, such as historical occupation, oral histories and maps. Access and review historical archives, land records, and maps to identify traditional land use and occupation, just to name a few.

Other responsibilities, include, assist the Government of the Virgin Islands in preparing a comprehensive plan for Salt Island, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

Minimum qualifications and experience include an associate’s degree, be trustworthy and confidential, be able to make sound, fair and equitable decisions, possess personal qualities of high integrity and resourcefulness, strong oral, written and research skills, and The capacity to make timely decisions and implement decisive actions.

The person selected on the Board shall be, a Virgin Islander, A person deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands under section 2(2)(f) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007, U.K.S.I. 2007 No. 1678 who has held his or her certificate for a period of 20 years or more. A person deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands under section 2(2)(h) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007, U.K.S.I. 2007 No.

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