



Gala

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

HA'PENNY BEACH CLUB
ST. CROIX, UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

*Celebrating
30 Years of Regulatory Excellence:
Honoring Our Legacy,
Shaping the Future*



*The Honorable Marvin L. Pickering,
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
and The Commissioners of the
Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission
cordially invite you to*

*Celebrating 30 years of Regulatory Excellence:
Honoring Our Legacy, Shaping the Future
a Black Tie Gala*



*Saturday, November 8, 2025
Ha' Penny Beach Club
St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands
Cocktails: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Program: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Dinner: 8:00 pm
Dancing Until Midnight*



Our Leadership



Marvin L. Pickering
Chairman/Chief Executive Officer



Carolyn P. Hermon-Perzell
Vice-Chair / Commissioner



Luther F. Renee
Secretary/Treasurer/ Commissioner

Message from the Chairman



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN and CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

Together with my colleagues—Commissioner Carolyn P. Hermon-Percell and Commissioner Luther F. Renee—and our dedicated Executive Team and Casino Inspectors, it is with great pride and gratitude that I join in celebrating three decades of dedicated service by the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission as the licensing and regulatory authority for the casino industry in the United States Virgin Islands.

Since the enactment of the Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act on November 3, 1995, the Commission has remained steadfast in its mission to uphold integrity, accountability, and excellence in overseeing and monitoring legalized casino operations. Our journey has been one of growth and resilience—shaped by the foresight of the 21st Legislature of the Virgin Islands, the courage of the late Honorable Governor Roy Lester Schneider in signing Bill No. 21-0027 into law, and the pioneering leadership of the Commission's first Chairperson, the late Honorable Eileen Ramona Petersen, along with the original Commissioners. Today, we proudly honor their vision and the commitment of all who contributed to the Commission's establishment, including legal and financial advisors, administrative personnel, government officials, and our casino licensees who faced new frontiers with determination and purpose.

Under the theme *“Celebrating 30 Years of Casino Regulatory Excellence: Honoring Our Legacy, Shaping the Future,”* we pause to reflect on our rich past and the many milestones achieved along the way. We also look forward with optimism as we strengthen the current framework of casino licensure and regulation and advance boldly into 21st century gaming, while always ensuring that this vital industry remains a meaningful contributor to the economic and social progress of the Virgin Islands.

Over the past thirty years, the Commission has evolved in both structure and scope, adapting to the dynamic nature of the gaming industry while maintaining its unwavering commitment to fairness, transparency, and public trust. Except for an isolated challenge a few years ago, our record has been one of consistent professionalism and high standards—hallmarks that have enhanced our territory's reputation within the broader gaming community.

On behalf of the Commission, I extend heartfelt thanks to our partners, stakeholders, and the Virgin Islands community for their steadfast support. As we commemorate this 30th anniversary milestone, we look ahead to many years of responsible regulation, innovation, and service to the people of the United States Virgin Islands.

With sincerest gratitude,

Marvin L. Pickering
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer





Program

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

The Honorable George W. Cannon, Jr.
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INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. Jermaine Mulley
Pastor, St. Luke AME Church
St. Croix, US Virgin Islands

WELCOME

The Honorable Marvin L. Pickering
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission

REMARKS

The Honorable Almando “Rocky” Liburd
President, 21st Legislature of the US Virgin Islands

The Honorable Kenneth L. Gittens
Vice President, 36th Legislature of the US Virgin Islands

The Honorable Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor of the US Virgin Islands

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable Carolyn P. Hermon-Percell
Vice Chair, Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Honorable Susan F. Maven
Retired Judge, New Jersey Superior Court



PRESENTATION TO KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Chairman Marvin L. Pickering

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CASINOS

Chairman Marvin L. Pickering
Presented to

Divi Carina Bay Resort and Casino
Caravelle Hotel and Casino

REMARKS

The Honorable Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor of the US Virgin Islands

UNVEILING OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

Governor Albert Bryan Jr.
and the Commissioners of the
Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & THANKS

The Honorable Luther F. Renee
Secretary/Treasurer
Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission

Honorable Susan F. Maven

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



New Jersey Casino Control Commission

The Honorable Susan F. Maven was appointed to the New Jersey Casino Control Commission in 1998, serving until November 2001. In 2000, she took on the role of Vice Chairwoman. During her tenure, she frequently spoke on panels that addressed responsible gaming. One notable collaboration was with the Honorable Eileen R. Petersen, Chairwoman of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission (VICCC). Together, they facilitated the training of VICCC's first group of inspectors and supervisors prior to the opening of the Divi Casino. Judges Maven and Petersen formed a strong professional and personal bond through their shared efforts.

New Jersey Judicial Career

Susan Maven was appointed to the New Jersey Superior Court in December 2001, where she served in both the Family and Criminal Divisions. She was elevated to the Appellate Division, New Jersey's intermediate appellate court, serving from 2012 through 2015 and authoring hundreds of opinions. Upon returning to the Trial Court Family Division in 2016, Judge Maven oversaw family law cases and the juvenile delinquency docket. She played a key role in developing and implementing New Jersey's Juvenile Human Trafficking Diversion Program, a pilot initiative to provide trauma-informed services to court-involved youth at risk for or affected by human trafficking.

Service and Leadership

After retiring from the Judiciary in 2022, Judge Maven remained active in the legal community. She is a dedicated member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), serving on both the Diversity and International Committees. Judge Maven has presented on topics including juvenile justice, interstate custody jurisdiction, and human trafficking at NCJFCJ conferences and in state courts. She is a founding member of the National Judicial Network: Forum on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts, contributing as a Steering Committee member and faculty.

Education and Affiliations

Judge Maven completed her education in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1983 and from Temple University Beasley School of Law in 1987. She is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Judge Maven resides in New Jersey with her husband, Vincent.

Message from the Governor



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

I find myself reflecting on the profound impact of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission with immense pride and genuine excitement. The story of the Commission is a testament to what dedicated individuals can achieve for an entire community. Each year, every challenge you have faced and all your accomplishments have shaped the records, the heart, and the progress of the Virgin Islands.

You saw possibilities where others saw obstacles. You built an industry with careful vision and unwavering integrity. The legacy you are cultivating is woven into the very life of the Virgin Islands and touches families and businesses throughout our territory. You have ignited progress, championed responsible growth, and shown that a steadfast commitment to fairness yields lasting results.

Your dedication is evident not just in policies or numbers, but in the confidence of families who see new opportunities, in the pride of young people inspired by your leadership, and in the unity of a community that now stands stronger and more hopeful. The impact of your work will echo for generations.

This anniversary is a celebration of every late night, every tough decision, and every moment that you chose hope over hesitation. It is an affirmation of your drive and your willingness to lift our community higher, even when it means taking risks or forging a new way forward.

As you celebrate all that you have built, I urge you to continue embracing new challenges and possibilities. May the pride and spirit of this evening inspire your continued service to our islands. Congratulations and thank you for 30 outstanding years of leadership, vision, and hope.

With the greatest respect and appreciation,

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Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor



Message from the Lieutenant Governor



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS



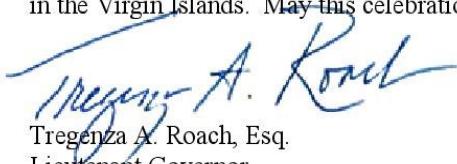
MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

It is both an honor and a privilege to offer this congratulatory message on the occasion of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission's 30th Anniversary Gala. This milestone event commemorates the enactment of the Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act which provides for regulated casino gaming in the Territory and highlights the successes of the agency since its creation in 1995.

This gala's theme, "Celebrating 30 Years of Casino Regulatory Excellence: Honoring Our Legacy, Shaping the Future", appropriately depicts the pivotal role the Casino Control Commission has played in the development and growth of the gaming industry, which includes casinos, Internet gaming, racinos, and hotel resorts. Insightfully, the gaming industry was enacted to stimulate the Virgin Islands economy by diversifying our tourism product and enhancing recreational activities. Through provisions of the Act, the Casino Revenue Fund has been a sustainable and beneficial funding source to various entities and programs including education, health & hospitals, and public safety.

I commend the leadership of the Casino Control Commission and its dynamic staff for maintaining and protecting the integrity of the gaming industry, thereby affirming the Virgin Islands as a reputable jurisdiction throughout the Nation. I also acknowledge with much regard the significant contributions of the inaugural members of the Commission under the stellar leadership of the late Judge Eileen R. Petersen, who implemented high standards of excellence in service, regulation, and community engagement.

I look forward to the continued growth and effective regulation of gaming in the Virgin Islands as we recognize the Casino Control Commission for its 30 years of service. I wish for guidance and blessings over the Commission and all who have contributed to the meaningful impact of gaming in the Virgin Islands. May this celebration be joyful and memorable to all.



Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
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MILTON E. POTTER

PRESIDENT

36th Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands

Message from the Senate President

On behalf of the Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission on the momentous occasion of its 30th Anniversary.

This significant milestone marks three decades since the enactment of the Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995, signed into law on May 8, 1995 by our late Governor Roy L. Schneider. This landmark legislation laid the foundation for regulated casino gaming in our Territory and established the Commission as its chief regulatory body.

Since its inception, the Commission has exemplified unwavering dedication to safeguarding the integrity, fairness, and transparency of the casino gaming industry. Through a robust licensing process, diligent enforcement of regulations, and oversight by the Division of Gaming Enforcement, the Commission has earned the trust of the public and fortified the Territory's economic and tourism sectors.

This anniversary is not only a reflection of past achievements, but a celebration of the vision of those who crafted the original legislation, the steadfast leadership of successive Commissions, and the professionalism of its staff. It is a testament to their collective efforts in maintaining a regulatory framework that promotes both opportunity and accountability.

As we honor this legacy, we also look to a future shaped by evolving challenges and opportunities. The Commission's ongoing efforts to modernize the regulatory framework, including the consideration of internet gaming and sports betting underscore its commitment to adapting with integrity to the 21st century gaming landscape.

The Legislature continues to be a proud and supportive partner in the Commission's mission. We remain dedicated to initiatives that foster responsible gaming, economic growth, and public welfare across our Territory.

Congratulations to Board Chairman, Marvin L. Pickering and the staff and management of the Casino Control Commission on this remarkable anniversary, and best wishes for continued strength, innovation, and service in the years ahead.

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Milton E. Potter
Senate President
36th Legislature of the US Virgin Islands



Message from the Delegate to Congress



STACEY E. PLASKETT
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A MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSWOMAN STACEY E. PLASKETT

On behalf of the Members of the 119th Congress and my office, I extend my warmest regards to the **Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission** as you celebrate your **30th Anniversary Gala**. This remarkable milestone represents three decades of unwavering commitment to regulatory excellence and economic stewardship for our beloved Virgin Islands.

Since the enactment of the Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act on November 3, 1995, the Commission has served as the cornerstone of our territory's gaming industry, ensuring the highest standards of integrity, fairness, and transparency. Your dedication to responsible regulation has not only protected consumers and maintained public trust but has also fostered an environment where legitimate gaming enterprises can thrive and contribute meaningfully to our local economy.

The theme of your celebration—*"Celebrating 30 Years of Casino Regulatory Excellence: Honoring Our Legacy, Shaping the Future"*—perfectly captures both the Commission's distinguished history and its continued vision for our islands' prosperity. Through your diligent oversight, you have helped establish the U.S. Virgin Islands as a premier destination for responsible gaming and tourism, creating countless jobs and generating vital revenue that supports essential services for our communities.

As your Member of Congress, I have witnessed firsthand the Commission's professionalism and commitment to our territory's best interests. Your work exemplifies the spirit of excellence that defines Virgin Islanders. I am continually impressed by your ability to adapt to evolving industry standards while maintaining the trust and confidence of both operators and the public.

This gala represents not just a celebration of past achievements, but a renewed commitment to the continued growth and success of our islands. As we look toward the future, I pledge my continued support and collaboration as we work together to ensure that the Virgin Islands remains a model for regulatory excellence and economic opportunity. The Commission's next chapter will undoubtedly build upon this solid foundation of integrity and service.

Congratulations to all Commissioners, staff members, and stakeholders who have contributed to this incredible legacy. May your celebration be filled with joy, reflection on achievements well-earned, and excitement for the bright future ahead.

Sincerely,

Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress

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November 8, 2025

Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission
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Dear Chairman Pickering and Esteemed Commissioners,

It is with sincere appreciation and warm congratulations that I recognize the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission on the extraordinary occasion of your 30th Anniversary.

This milestone is far more than a celebration of years gone by, it reflects your steadfast commitment to integrity, public trust, and the responsible advancement of an industry that has become a vital part of the Virgin Islands economy. Since your establishment in 1995, the Commission has served as a pillar of sound regulation, fairness, and transparency. Your leadership has not only elevated the standards of casino oversight but has also created meaningful opportunities that continue to strengthen and uplift our communities.

The theme *“Honoring Our Legacy, Shaping the Future”* truly captures the spirit of your journey. The Commission’s legacy is one of perseverance, vision, and impactful service, built by dedicated leadership and supported by a devoted team. I join with Virgin Islanders across the territory in expressing my deep gratitude for your service over the past three decades. May this celebration serve as both a reflection on your accomplishments and a renewed call to excellence in the years ahead.

Congratulations once again, and thank you for 30 years of exemplary public service. Together, we can build a stronger Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,

Angel L. Bolques, Jr.
Senator At Large
Chairman, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks
36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands



Message from Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.



SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.
36TH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
Chairman, Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance



Congratulations to the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission

My wife, Avril, my staff and I extend hearty congratulations to Marvin Pickering, Chairman of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission, and all former and current members of the Commission as they celebrate 30 years of the establishment of this agency. Our congratulations are also extended to the staff members who over the years have contributed to the Commission's progress.

As we commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission, we celebrate not just the institution, but the vision and dedication of those who built the foundation of our gaming industry. Since the passage of the legislation in 1995, the Casino Control Commissioners have been tenacious advocates and tireless watchdogs for the St. Croix gaming industry. This standard was set by the Honorable Eileen R. Petersen, the first Chairman of the Casino Control Commission and the first Commissioners and continues to this day with the current Chairman, Marvin Pickering, and Commissioners. These men and women have served and continue to serve with the highest level of personal integrity and an unshakeable resolve to build, grow and protect the St. Croix gaming industry.

As the Commission continues to build on the foundation of its first 30 years, I am excited to see the ways it will expand the industry through internet and fantasy gaming and other opportunities. The future of the industry is bright!

Congratulations to the Casino Control Commission on this milestone accomplishment. My best wishes to all for a memorable anniversary celebration.

Regards,

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Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
Senator, 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands



Message from Senator Kenneth L. Gittens



Kenneth L. Gittens
Senate Majority Leader

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November 3, 2025

Congratulations on your 30th Anniversary

With a sense of great pride and heartfelt congratulations, I extend my warmest regards to the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary.

Over the last three decades, the Commission has served as a pillar of integrity, oversight, and progress in our Territory's gaming industry. As the Commission and the industry have grown, your unwavering commitment to regulatory excellence has not only safeguarded the public interest but also fostered economic development and responsible gaming practices here in the Virgin Islands.

I find the theme, *"Celebrating 30 Years of Casino Regulatory Excellence: Honoring Our Legacy, Shaping the Future,"* as quite fitting and a true testament to the Commission's enduring impact. Our community appreciates your work and dedication, which has laid a strong foundation for future innovation and growth. I pray that the next chapter is marked by continued success and service.

As we commemorate this milestone, I join you in reflecting on the achievements of the past and pledge my continued support of the Commission and the work you do. Once again, I thank you and wish you congratulations on behalf of myself, my staff, my family and the people of the Virgin Islands.

Best Regards,

Kenneth L. Gittens
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"Lead By Example"



Message from Senator Franklin D. Johnson

Franklin D. Johnson Senator

36th Legislature of United States Virgin Islands



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Celebrating 30 Years of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission

Honoring Our Legacy, Shaping the Future

It gives me great pride to salute the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission on the occasion of your 30th anniversary.

Thirty years is more than a milestone — it is a testament to the perseverance of those who believed in the promise of regulated gaming and worked diligently to build a framework rooted in trust and accountability. The Commission's work has safeguarded our community while allowing the industry to grow in a way that supports jobs, tourism, and opportunities for Virgin Islanders.

As someone who has dedicated much of my career to public safety and service, I recognize the importance of institutions like the Commission in protecting both our people and the integrity of our institutions. Your vigilance ensures that progress is balanced with responsibility and that the public can have confidence in the systems designed to serve them.

On behalf of my office, I congratulate the Commission, past and present, on 30 years of service. May the next chapter be written with the same dedication and foresight that has brought us here today.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Franklin D. Johnson".

Franklin D. Johnson

Senator

36th Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands



Message from Senator Carla J. Joseph

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and Consumer Protection*

Happy 30th Anniversary to the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission

Congratulations on to this momentous occasion – the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission. Thirty years ago, this Commission was established with a clear and vital mandate: to serve as the vigilant guardian of integrity, fairness, and responsible gaming within our casino industry.

We honor the legacy of those who laid the foundation, the dedication and hard work of the Commissioners, Commission's staff, the cooperation of industry partners, and the enduring support of our community.

This year's theme, *"Celebrating 30 Years of Casino Regulatory Excellence: Honoring Our Legacy, Shaping the Future,"* perfectly captures the Commission's dual focus—reflecting on a proud history while boldly embracing the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. May the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission's unwavering commitment to excellence continue to guide the evolution of our gaming industry. May its integrity remain steadfast, serving as a model of principled governance.

And may the decades ahead be marked by continued growth, innovation, and impactful contributions to the economic prosperity of our Territory—always upholding the highest ethical standards in service to our people.

Congratulations once again on this remarkable milestone. May the celebration of your legacy be as distinguished as the work you have accomplished.

Sincerely,

Carla J. Joseph
Senator
36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands



Message from Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.



Legislature of the Virgin Islands HONORABLE CLIFFORD A. JOSEPH, SR.



Chair, Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety

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Member, Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture
Member, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission 30th Anniversary *Honoring Three Decades of Regulatory Excellence*

On this momentous occasion, my staff and I extend congratulations to the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission ("VICCC") as it marks an incredible milestone – 30 years of dedicated regulatory service to the gaming industry and to the public at large. For three decades, the V.I. Casino Control Commission has consistently safeguarded public interest and ensured compliance of gaming laws.

Thirty years ago, following healthy and robust debate, the 21st Legislature of the Virgin Islands on April 27, 1995, with a 9-6 vote approved Bill No. 21-0027, to legalize casino gambling on St. Croix. The bill was signed into law by the Governor Roy L. Schneider on May 8, 1995.

It has not been a smoothly paved road for the VICCC, as there were issues immediately upon enactment that needed to be addressed. However, the inaugural chairperson, the Honorable Eileen Petersen and the first commissioners, with just law in hand, drafted, promulgated, and adopted rules and regulations and opened the first casino in the territory in the short span of 3 years. It is not lost on me or the community, the amount of work that went in to develop the framework and body of the regulatory agency that has withstood 30 years of inquiries and challenges.

The work of the VICCC has not only helped shape a more transparent and accountable gaming industry but has also contributed significantly to the financial stability of our government. The impact of your regulations, policies, and enforcement efforts has been profound—you have helped build public trust, protect players, and support a fair, secure, and responsible gaming environment.

Anniversaries mark more than just the passage of time; it is a celebration of the impact you and your staff has had in your community. As you reflect on the journey of the VICCC, let us remember and honor the visionaries who laid the groundwork, and recognize the continued dedication of the current leadership and staff. Collectively we must look ahead, with renewed purpose and resilience, to the challenges and opportunities of the future and take full advantage of what they offer.

Congratulations on this milestone,

Honorable Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.
Senator, 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands



Message from Senator Kurt A. Viale



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"Always Ready to Serve"

36th Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands

Senator Viale Congratulates the VI Casino Control Commission on 30 Years of Service

I extend heartfelt congratulations to the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission on your 30th Anniversary.

For three decades, the Commission has served as a vital regulator and guardian of integrity within the gaming industry. Your work has not only safeguarded fairness and accountability but has also ensured that this sector contributes to the economic development and stability of our Territory.

This milestone is a testament to the dedication, professionalism, and vision of those who have served and continue to serve on the Commission. As we celebrate this achievement, may it also inspire continued innovation, transparency, and commitment to excellence in the years ahead.

Congratulations on 30 years of service to the people of the Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,

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Senator Kurt A. Viale
Senator
36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands





The Creating Legislation

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ACT NO. 6069

BILL NO. 21-0027

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

OF THE UNITED STATES

Regular Session

1995

To establish the Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995

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BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. (a) Title 29, Sections 228, 228a, 229, and 229a, Virgin Islands Code is amended to establish a new zoning designation to accommodate casino gaming to include: two (2) Tier I casino zoning sites, one (1) Tier II casino zoning site, and one (1) Tier III casino zoning site, in accord with section 436 of the "Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995" to be designated as the following categories:

- (r) G-1 Gaming - Tier I Casino
- (s) G-2 Gaming - Tier II Casino
- (t) G-3 Gaming - Tier III Casino
- (u) G-4 Gaming - Tier IV Casino"

(b) Except for any casino license applicant qualified for automatic zoning under section 436 (g) of the "Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995", casino zoning sites shall be designated after petition has been made and approval received from the Virgin Islands Legislature, pursuant to Title 29, section 238 of the Virgin Islands Code.

Title 29, Chapter 3, Virgin Islands Code, is amended by adding a new Section 228a to read as follows:

"Section 228a. G-1 Gaming - Tier I Casino Resort

Uses permitted as a matter of right:

- (1) Accessory Buildings and Businesses
- (2) Alcholic Beverages, Retail
- (3) Barber or Beauty Shops

Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act



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contractor's business enterprise may be challenged. The procedure shall include proper notice and hearing for all parties concerned.

Section 562. Regulations

The Department of Labor and the Casino Control Commission shall develop such other regulations as may be necessary to interpret and implement the provisions of this act.

Section 563. Full compliance requirement; applicability to contractors, subcontractors and their assignees

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary:

(1) No special legislation or IDC certificate shall exempt the casino licensee from full compliance with the provisions of this act;

(2) The provisions of this act shall be applicable to any and all corporations, businesses, or individuals providing services to the casino hotel licensee;

(3) Casino hotel licensees shall not abrogate, any provision of this act through contract(s) or contractual employee(s); provided further that in the event there is a contract(s) or contractual employee(s), all provisions relating to employment, and benefits, but not limited thereto, shall apply;

(4) Jurisdiction of the commission under this act extends to any and all subcontractors doing business with the casino hotel licensees.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on April 25, 1995.

Witness our Hands and the Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 5 Day of May, A.D., 1995,

ALMANDO "ROCKY" LIBORD
President

ALLIE-ALLISON PETRUS
Legislative Secretary

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(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, every casino licensee licensed to do business in the Virgin Islands shall lease at least fifty (50%) percent of the retail establishment space within any casino licensee's hotel and/or casino bona fide resident businesses, and shall limit the amount of non-bona fide resident businesses to no more than five thousand (50,000) square feet within any casino licensee hotel and/or casino. This square footage requirement shall not apply to bars, restaurants and laundries within casino and/or related hotel.

(c) A casino licensee shall make a good faith effort to meet the requirements of this section and shall annually demonstrate to the commission that such an effort was made.

Section 559. Noncompliance with provisions relating to expenditures and assignments to preferred contractor's business enterprises; suspension, revocation or other penalties

If the commission determines that the provisions sections of sections 558 of this act relating to expenditures and assistantship to preferred contractor's business enterprises have not been met by a licensee, commission may suspend or revoke the casino license, fine or impose appropriate conditions on the licensee, ensure that the goals for expenditures and assignments are met, and assignments are met, except that if a determinative licensee has failed to demonstrate the provisions of Sections 558 and 560, the commission may have 90 days from the date of noncompliance within which to commence proceedings under those sections.

Section 560. Unified certification of contractor's business enterprises

The Department of Labor shall maintain a unified certification of contractor's business enterprises for casino licensees on contracts.

Section 561. List of certified contractors

The Department of Labor shall maintain a list of those preferred contractor's business enterprises which it has certified. The division shall review the list annually and shall certify those preferred contractor's business enterprises which it has determined to be certified. The division shall also maintain a list of those preferred contractor's business enterprises which it has determined not to be certified. The division shall also maintain a list of those preferred contractor's business enterprises which it has determined not to be certified.



The above Bill is hereby approved.
Witness my hand and the Seal of the
Government of the United States
Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, this 8th day of May, A.D.,
1995.

Roy L. Schneider
Governor

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The Journey of Act 6069

VIRGIN ISLANDS SESSION LAWS

1995

Received at the Legislative Desk April 12, 1995. Introduced, read by title and assigned to the Committee of the Whole April 12, 1995. Reported, read in full and Adopted April 25, 1995. Transmitted to the Governor May 5, 1995. Approved May 8, 1995. Re-transmitted to the Governor with all Amendments October 25, 1995. Approved November 3, 1995.

Bill No. 21-0028 (Act No. 6073)—To posthumously honor, commend and thank Charles Daniel Lenhardt for his dedicated service to the Government of the Virgin Islands. (See the commemorative room located in the

Development Secretary's 1995 Commemorative Room) for his service to the Virgin Islands and for other purposes. Proposed by Senator Almando "Rocky" Liburd (By Request) Received at the Legislative Desk April 8, 1995. Introduced, read by title and assigned to the Committee on Finance April 3, 1995. Reported, read in full and Adopted May 3, 1995. Transmitted to the Governor May 9, 1995. Approved May 10, 1995. (Line Item Veto Section 2 (a) (b) (c), Section 3 and Section 4)

Bill No. 21-0027 (Act No. 6069)—To establish the Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995. Proposed by Senator Adelbert M. Bryan.

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file and assigned to the Committee on Finance. Received at the Legislative Desk April 12, 1995. Reported, read in full and Adopted July 18, 2001. Transmitted to the Governor July 26, 2001. Approved August 2, 2001.

Bill No. 24-0046 (ACT NO. 6419)—To enact the "United States Virgin Islands Technology Initiative", to amend title 32, chapter 21, Virgin Islands Code, to provide for a new Article XIV to license internet gaming and internet gambling in the Territory; to further amend title 32, section 246, Virgin Islands Code to provide for an internet lottery; and for other purposes related thereto. Proposed by Senators Almando "Rocky" Liburd and Vargrave A. Richards. Received at the Legislative Desk March 27, 2001. Introduced, read by title and assigned to the Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture and Consumer Protection March 27, 2001. Reported, read in full and Adopted July 18, 2001. Transmitted to the Governor July 26, 2001. Approved August 2, 2001.

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From Concept to Law



times to give discounted rates, which would offer incentive package a win-win situation for everyone

V.I.'S GAMBLE ON GAMING

May 8, 1995 — Gov. Roy Schneider signs the V.I. Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995 into law.

Aug. 15, 1995 — Territorial Court Judge Alfonso Andrews refuses to issue a temporary restraining order nullifying St. Croix's casino gambling law after Bryan says the bill signed by Schneider omitted important changes.

Sept. 26, 1995 — Andrews rules the act illegal because Schneider did not sign the same bill that was approved by the Senate. The errors included the omission of Bryan's controversial definition of a "native Virgin Islander."

Nov. 3, 1995 — Schneider signs into law a corrected version of the bill but leaves intact the controversial definition of a native Virgin Islander.

January 1996 — Schneider's brother-in-law Michael Watson, Imelda Dizon, Joan Thomas, Oscar Henry and Dennis Brown become the first Casino Control Commission members.

Feb. 7, 1996 — Schneider nominates retired Territorial Court Judge Eileen Petersen as commission chairwoman. Her nomination is confirmed by the Senate.

Feb. 28, 1996 — The Senate votes, 9-6, to amend the law to change the definition of a native Virgin Islander to an "aboriginal," or anyone who can trace their direct Virgin Islands ancestry back to 1927. Bryan had defined the term as any person born in the Virgin Islands prior to 1927, any person who is an offspring of a parent born in the territory before 1927 or any person born outside the Virgin Islands to native parents who were off-island studying abroad, employed abroad or in active military service.

May 2, 1996 — Casino Control Commission holds its first public meeting, adopts a code of ethics and elects officers.

Sept. 1996 — Realtor Jan Hanley withdraws her nomination as a commission member, reportedly because of threats against her life.

Dec. 2, 1998 — Casino Control Commission grants the first two-year license to Treasure Bay V.I. Corp and Grapetree Shores to operate a Tier IV business — 150 to 199 rooms — which will be called the Divi Carina Bay Resort and Casino.

Sept. 27, 1999 — After several

delays, the Hospitality Training School is opened for casino school registration. Classes begin Oct. 1.

Oct. 29, 1999 — Divi Carina Bay Resort opens. Casino is scheduled to open in mid-December.

Nov. 17, 1999 — Hurricane Lenny sweeps through the island, damaging the casino and delaying opening from December to March.

March 14, 2000 — Gov. Charles Turnbull applies scissors to a huge red ribbon in the official opening ceremony at Divi.

March 17, 2000 — Crucians and visitors ante up as the Divi casino is off and running.

Junior Martinez smooths out a ballaster for the casino's entrance

The history of the Virgin Islands' effort to open casinos:

June 22, 1992 — The Senate's Economic Development Committee, as it was then called, was at the forefront of the casino movement, in economic brainstorming sessions, hoteliers and businesspeople testified that casino gambling would boost the St. Croix economy.

July 25, 1994 — Cruise ships are allowed to open their casinos while docked at St. Croix. Gov. Alexander Farrelly allowed the bill, sponsored by Sen. Kenneth Mapp and Sen. Holland Redfield II, to become law without his signature. It was called the Casino Control Act of 1994, and only cruise passengers were allowed to gamble.



Ruben Martinez puts finishing touches on the parking lot.

Nov. 3, 1994 — St. Croix voters approve a nonbinding referendum for casinos by 56 percent.

Jan. 30, 1995 — Sen. Osbert Potter, chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee, postpones public hearings on casino gambling for

St. Croix to give senators a chance to study major changes proposed for the Casino Control Act of 1994, sponsored by then-Sen. Gerard Luz James II. James' bill would legalize casino gambling on St. Croix "as an incentive for tourism-related development."

Feb. 22, 1995 — V.I. senators beat back attempts to legalize gambling on St. Thomas as James' bill proposed. The action came during the Senate Economic Development and Agriculture Committee's first day of working on James' bill to legalize casino gambling on St. Croix. After adopting a slew of amendments and rejecting a few, the committee held the bill for at least 10 days while legal counsel worked on even more

amendments. Sen. Adel "Bert" Bryan requested the bill be postponed until A the preparation of extensive amendments.

March 17, 1995 — Bryan's a casino gaming bill that his definition of "native Islander" as someone who can trace his or her V.I. ancestry back to 1927. The bill requires that more than 50 percent of hotel rooms, those with 20 rooms, must be owned by Virgin Islanders. The definition provokes prolonged public controversy.

April 11, 1995 — In an unexpected development, the Senate Committee tables James' gambling bill, then turns Bryan's mammoth 284-page substitute amendment.



Who We Are

The **Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission (VICCC)** has the authority to license and regulate legalized casino gambling and related businesses within the casino zones on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands and internet gambling throughout the U.S. Virgin Islands. Pursuant to V.I. Code Ann. tit. 32, § 404, the VICCC is an independent agency of the executive branch of the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands and is comprised of three full-time members addressed as Commissioners. Each member must be a citizen of the United States of America, and two must be residents of the St. Croix district and one a resident of St. Thomas-St. John district. No person holding elective or appointive office in the federal or territorial government is eligible to serve as a member. Each member is appointed for a five-year term and no member may serve more than two consecutive full terms.

Appointments to the VICCC and the designation of the VICCC Chairman are made by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands. The Chairman is also the Chief Executive Officer and holds that office throughout the member's entire term and until a successor has been appointed and qualified. Each member serves for the duration of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualified, subject to a 120-day limitation after the expiration of the member's term. A member can be removed from office only through an action filed by the Attorney General of the Virgin Islands in the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands on the grounds of misconduct, willful neglect of duty, other conduct evidencing unfitness, or for incompetence. An appointment to fill a vacancy is for the unexpired term of the member to be replaced.

The VICCC is aided in its work by the Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) established within the Virgin Islands Department of Justice. The DGE is responsible for investigating licensure applications, enforcing the gambling statutes and rules and regulations, and prosecuting before the VICCC all proceedings for violations of the Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995, as codified at 32 V.I.C. § 401 et seq. The DGE is under the immediate supervision of a Director who must be a sworn Assistant Attorney General. The Director is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands and serves during the term of office of the Governor. The Attorney General is responsible for the exercise of all duties and powers assigned to the DGE and can remove the Director for cause upon notice and opportunity to be heard.

The stability, continuity, and success of the gambling industry is inextricably linked to the public's confidence and trust that the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands will ensure that those involved in the industry possess good character, honesty, and integrity. Stewardship over that public confidence and trust is a principal responsibility of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission.



Our Mission

The **Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission** is statutorily mandated to develop and implement a licensing and regulatory framework that permits and promotes the stability and continuity of the gambling and gaming industry in the U.S. Virgin Islands of casinos pursuant to the Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995, as amended, of internet gaming and gambling pursuant to the Virgin Islands Internet Gaming and Internet Gambling Act, as amended, and of racinos pursuant to the Virgin Islands Horse Racing Industry Assistance Acts of 2011 and 2016, as amended, by assuring the good character, honesty and integrity of all licensed operators and employees and related businesses; by protecting the gambling and gaming industry from the influence of criminal activity; and by fostering public confidence and trust in the activities of the gambling and gaming industry.





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*From the desk of
Linda I. Smith, Executive Director*

****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****

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**VIRGIN ISLANDS CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
RECEIVES SECOND CONSECUTIVE UNMODIFIED AUDIT REPORT**

(St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands) – The Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) announces that it has received an unmodified financial audit report from Bert Smith & Co., a licensed public accounting firm in Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands, for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2022. This marks the second consecutive year the Commission has achieved this outstanding milestone, underscoring its unwavering commitment to excellence, transparency, and sound financial management.

An unmodified or unqualified audit report is considered one of the highest assurances of an organization’s integrity and accountability. “Achieving this status for two consecutive fiscal years is a testament to the dedication, consistency, and exceptional efforts of the Commission’s Executive Staff,” said Marvin L. Pickering, VICCC Chairman and CEO.

As was reported for both FY 2021 and FY 2022, the Commission’s sole audit finding was the lack of a written formal policy for reviewing and approving transactions. However, the report notes that “while we did not find any illegitimate transactions, we believe that formalized policies and procedures are key to the prevention and



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detection of errors and fraud.” In response, the Commission is in the final stages of implementing a comprehensive formal accounting policy that will ensure all

transactions undergo thorough review and approval. This policy will strengthen the Commission’s financial management practices and set a solid foundation for future operations.

Chairman Pickering further stated that “this is a collective achievement that we at the Commission, including our Casino Inspectors, can all be applauded for because it took team effort. I am both proud and inspired by what we have accomplished together, and I look forward to similar results when the FY 2023 audit report is completed. We remain dedicated to regaining and maintaining the public trust and confidence in our agency to fulfill its mandate to honestly and effectively license and regulate the casino industry in the U.S. Virgin Islands.”

“The Commission will continue to prioritize transparency and accountability in all operations, setting new benchmarks for financial management excellence. That is our firm commitment,” concluded Chairman Pickering.

For further information, contact Linda I. Smith, VICCC Executive Director, at lsmith@casinocontrolcommission.vi or (340) 718-3616.

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Responsible Gaming Education Month

September is Responsible Gaming Education Month, a time when the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission joins the American Gaming Association, the premier national trade group for the U.S. casino industry, and other partners, in promoting awareness and education of responsible gaming. The Commission emphasizes the importance of fostering a safe, informed and responsible gaming environment for all patrons. The key principles of responsible gaming are:

- 1. Set a budget and stick to it.**
- 2. Keep it social and keep it fun.**
- 3. Know the game and know the odds.**
- 4. Don't chase losses.**
- 5. Play with trusted, licensed operators.**

The U.S. casino industry is a strong supporter of independent academic research on responsible gaming and problem gambling treatment and has contributed \$10 million in the last five years to these efforts. The funds are used to develop and implement responsible play practices and to train employees to monitor and assist patrons who require assistance. The industry makes this investment because it recognizes that problem gambling results in significant societal and economic harm. As of December 2023, problem gambling in the U.S. had an estimated cost of \$8 billion annually in criminal justice and healthcare spending, job loss, bankruptcy, and other adverse consequences. Most of the \$100 million spent in 2024 to combat problem gambling came from taxes paid by the casino industry.

Since the enactment of the Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995, the Commission has established an effective framework for the legal casino industry in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Our casino operators are an important component of the local economy as they create hundreds of jobs and generate substantial tax revenues used to support schools, hospitals and health care facilities, sports and youth programs, and other public services, thereby relieving the general fund of a portion of those costs and enhancing the life of all Virgin Islanders. These casino operators also promote responsible gaming by disseminating information through on-site signage and media advertising and by training their employees in problem gambling awareness.

The Commission receives one percent (1%) of the annual taxes of approximately \$2.4 million paid on gross revenues by legal operators to fund programs to treat and prevent gambling addiction. The Commission has directed these monies and other significant resources toward a variety of initiatives, including strengthening the Voluntary Self-Exclusion Program; launching www.playwisevi.org, a website on responsible gaming and problem gambling disorder information; entering a Memorandum of Understanding with the Virgin Islands Department of Health to fund the training and certification of counselors employed with the Behavioral Health Division in the prevention and treatment of gambling addiction; and on June 4, 2025, in Nashville, TN, at the annual conference of the North American Gaming Regulators Association, a national nonprofit group of gaming regulators exchanging regulatory information and techniques, presenting a panel showcasing the Commission's efforts to build culturally sensitive outreach programs. Over the years, we have been assisted in delivering our



responsible gaming messages through appearances on *Analyze This* hosted by former senator Neville James on WTJX FM radio; *Pass It On* hosted by former senator Roosevelt David on WSTA AM radio; and the *Big Phat Morning Show* on Isle 95 FM radio. We have had guest editorials published in *The Virgin Islands Daily News* and our signage and other material posted and distributed by our licensees at the casinos. We thank all of them for understanding the importance of making sure the gambling public in the U.S. Virgin Islands remains educated and aware of responsible gaming.

As the Commission celebrates its 30th anniversary and moves boldly into the 21st Century with the work begun at the Internet Gaming and Internet Gambling Summit held on July 31, 2025, for the realization of internet gaming in the Territory, we remain committed to responsible gaming education. The Honorable Governor Albert Bryan, Jr. stated in his proclamation dated August 26, 2025, recognizing September 2025 as Responsible Gaming Education Month, “[t]he Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission, as the licensing and regulatory authority for the local casino industry, is committed to promoting responsible gaming education because the industry’s long term success depends on informed, responsible, educated players who view gambling as a form of entertainment.” The Commission stands firm on that commitment. *We encourage Virgin Islanders and visitors alike to continue patronizing the casinos licensed and regulated by the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission, and to always Game Responsibly!*

GUEST EDITORIAL
MARVIN L. PICKERING, CHAIRMAN/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
VIRGIN ISLANDS CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025



Celebrating 30 Years of Regulatory Excellence:



Honoring Our Past, Shaping Our Future





Judge Eileen R. Petersen

EILEEN R. PETERSEN, late Judge of the Virgin Islands Territorial Court, was the first woman to serve as a Judge in the United States Virgin Islands. She served in the courts from 1971 to 1994.

Judge Petersen was born on St. Croix, Virgin Islands and was a graduate of the public school system. She attended Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) in Hampton, Virginia. While at Hampton Institute she was awarded a coveted Ford Foundation, all-expenses-paid, five-year scholarship. She matriculated from Hampton Institute with a Bachelor's degree in Speech Therapy and English. Without interrupting her studies, she went on to attain her Master's degree in Education. Having achieved her degrees at an early age, she returned to St. Croix, where for three years she taught English at

Christiansted High School and at Catholic University of Puerto Rico's Extension Program. Convinced that law was her calling, in 1963 she enrolled at Howard University's School of Law in Washington, D.C.

She was admitted to practice law in Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Judge Petersen accepted the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Virgin Islands under the revered and brilliant Attorney General, Honorable Francisco Corneiro. Judge Petersen also served as Acting Attorney General. In 1969, she returned to Washington, D.C. to pursue courses towards a Master's degree in Labor Law at George Washington University Law Center.

Judge Petersen had always pursued projects to enhance the civil rights of children. As a forceful and articulate advocate for children's rights, she journeyed to Washington, D.C. to lobby for the selection of the Virgin Islands as one of three sites for the pilot project for Operation Sisters United – a project designed to assist troubled female teenagers. She travelled extensively throughout the world to



First Chairman of the CCC



lecture on civil and children's rights. In 1983, she was selected as a panelist for the International Family Law Conference held in Cairo, Egypt. In 1990 she was chairman of the panel on Family Law at the World Peace Through Law Conference held in Beijing, China. Judge Petersen had also travelled to the Philippines, Canada, and throughout the Caribbean to participate in children's rights conferences.

Judge Petersen joined her female counterparts in such organizations as the League of Women Voters, the Business and Professional Women's Organization, and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was the first female to be selected to the Virgin Islands Council of Boy Scouts of America, and, accordingly, was the first woman in the northeast region of the United States to hold such a position. Her professional affiliations included Virgin Islands Bar Association, National Bar Association, D.C. Bar Association, American Bar association, National Association of Women Layers, American Judges Association, and National Council of Juvenile Court Judges. She served as past Secretary to the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association and as a panelist for the World Association of National Bar Association. As Chairman of the Casino Control Commission, her affiliations also included the North American Regulators Association and the International Association of Gaming Regulators.

The essence of Judge Petersen's life is best personified through her immeasurable contributions to the courts, the bar associations and the Virgin Islands' community. Her acute sensitivity, keen insight, awareness of the plight of the downtrodden, her love for children and her compassionate spirit, coupled with her radiant personality, have earned her numerous awards, citations, and commendations, including the distinguished William H. Hastie and Thurgood Marshall awards presented by the National Bar Association and the Image Award by the National Association for U.S. Virgin Islands Affairs in New York. In July 2008, she was also inducted in the National Bar Association Hall of Fame. Her unsuccessful bid for Delegate to Congress did not dampen her trailblazing nature.

In 1996 she was appointed by the Governor of the Virgin Islands and confirmed by the Virgin Islands Legislature as the first Chairman of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission.





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May 17, 2023

The Honorable Marvin L. Pickering, Chairman
Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission
3005 Orange Grove
Christiansted, Virgin Islands 00820

Dear Chairman Pickering:

On behalf of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission, please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your Commission's first Chairman, the Honorable Eileen R. Petersen.

In recognition of Chairman Petersen's considerable legacy and the working partnership created between our agencies initiated under her leadership, a Resolution honoring the memory of Chairman Petersen was unanimously adopted by the Commission at today's public meeting. The original signed Resolution is enclosed.

Again, we are deeply sorry for your loss. During this difficult time, please know that our thoughts are with you and your colleagues, Chairman Petersen's family, and the many people whose lives Chairman Petersen positively impacted through her years of service.

Sincerely,

James T. Plousis, Chairman

c: Alisa B. Cooper, Vice Chair
Joyce Mollineaux, Commissioner
Dianna W. Fauntleroy, General Counsel/Executive Secretary



**New Jersey Casino Control Commission
Resolution
No. 23-05-17-22**

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE EILEEN R. PETERSEN, FIRST
CHAIRMAN OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, in 1996, the late Honorable Eileen R. Petersen was appointed as the first Chairman of the newly formed Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission by Governor Roy Schnell in 1996, and again appointed to a second term in 2000 by Governor Charles W. Wurster.

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Eileen R. Petersen was a key member of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission and the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission, working together to develop rules and compliance standards for the industry;

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Eileen R. Petersen maintained the highest level of personal integrity in all of her duties and responsibilities as Chairman of the Casino Control Commission thereby enhancing the reputation of casino gaming throughout the state.

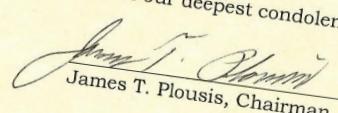
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WHEREAS, her passion, professionalism, tenacity and wisdom earned her the praise, respect and admiration of her colleagues and the entire casino gaming community;

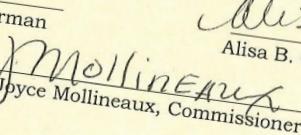
WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to commend the late Honorable Eileen R. Petersen for her noteworthy contributions to the proper regulation of casino gaming and her invaluable service to the casino gaming industry during her distinguished tenure; and

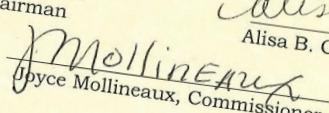
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Jersey Casino Control Commission and its staff hereby offer its heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the Honorable Eileen R. Petersen and expresses its gratitude for her contributions to the regulation of casino gaming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be placed in the record as a commemoration of our admiration of the late Honorable Eileen R. Petersen and of our deepest condolences on her passing.


James T. Plousis, Chairman




Alisa B. Cooper, Vice Chairman


Joyce Mollineaux, Commissioner





VF Casino Control Commission

CHAIRPERSONS

Eileen R. Petersen*	1996 - 2009
Gizette L. Canegata Thomas	2009 - 2012
Violette Anne Golden	2014 - 2019
Marvin L. Pickering	2020 -

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Michael A. Watson	1996 - 1999
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Our Team



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Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission Casino Inspectors



Highlights

Celebrating 30 Years of Regulatory Excellence: Honoring Our Legacy, Shaping the Future

November 3, 1995 Enactment of Act No. 6069, the Virgin Islands Casino Resort and Control Act of 1995

April 1996 Opening of the Virgin Islands Casino Control, Commission Office at 3005 Orange Grove, Christiansted, VI 00820

March 14, 2000 Opening of the Divi Carina Bay Casino

July 18, 2001 Enactment of Act No. 6419, the Virgin Islands Internet Gaming and Internet Gambling Act

June 20, 2007 Issuance of a license to Traxco, Inc. to operate a casino at the Randall “Doc” James Racetrack

April 26, 2016 Opening of the Caravelle Casino

September 4, 2018 V.I. Office of the Inspector General issues Audit Report of the administrative functions of the Virgin Islands Casino Commission

October 20, 2021 Renaming of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission Building to the Eileen Ramona Petersen Casino Control Commission Building

February 28, 2023 Proclamation by the Honorable Governor Albert Bryan, Jr. designating the month of March as Problem Gaming Awareness Month

December 15, 2023 Issuance of an Unmodified Financial Audit Report from Bert Smith & Co., a licensed public accounting firm in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands for Fiscal Year 2021



August 1, 2024

Launch of *PlayWiseVI.org*, a website providing information on responsible gaming and problem gambling

October 24, 2024

Execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Virgin Islands Casino Commission and the Virgin Islands Department of Health for the training and certification of locally-based problem gambling addiction counselors

January 23, 2025

Issuance of an Unmodified Financial Audit Report from Bert Smith & Co., a licensed public accounting firm in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands for Fiscal Year 2022

June 4, 2025

Presentation of “We Have A Story To Tell: The Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission And The Building Of Culturally Adapted Problem Gambling Awareness Initiatives” at the 2025 Annual Training and Education Conference, North American Gaming Regulators Association, in Nashville, Tennessee. The panel was moderated by Marvin L. Pickering, VICCC Chairman/CEO and included Carolyn P. Hermon-Percell, VICCC Commissioner, and Kelvin L. Vidale, Esq., VICCC Legal Counsel

July 31, 2025

Hosting of Internet Gaming and Internet Gambling Summit that brought together government leaders, policy makers, stakeholders and other interested persons in discussions for the modernization of the internet statutes

August 20, 2025

Proclamation by the Honorable Governor Albert Bryan, Jr. designating the month of September as Responsible Gaming Education Month



Celebrating 30 Years of Regulatory Excellence:

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Senator backs Schneider's pick for casino chairwoman

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Elaine Petersen
Occupation: Retired Territorial Court Judge
Education: Bachelor's degree, English and speech, law, any law
Employer: Retired, Hampden University, Hampden, Va.; judge, Hampden University Law School, Washington, D.C.
Portrait executive: Judge for governors; assistant V.I. attorney general; lecturer, teacher; legal secretary

Kevin Ramey
Occupation: Reporter of the Chamber of Commerce, a reporter of casino gambling, also praised the new commission

Virginia Gordan
Occupation: Retired, the Concerned Citizens Against Casino Gambling, campaigner, praised Petersen as a trustworthy individual but urged her not to accept the nomination.

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Belardo said Petersen must

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"Being a judge she will bring

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Kevin Ramey, president of the

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Judge Petersen distinguished

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as a trial judge," Ramey said.

She was a trial lawyer in

becoming the first female free-

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"The nomination is now a

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Menu



COCKTAIL HOUR

Red Snapper Fish Cakes | Cilantro Garlic Aioli
Seared Sirloin Skewer | Red Onion Glaze | Blue Cheese Sauce
Sofrito Chicken Tart | Red Pepper Aioli | Cilantro Lime Caviar
Crispy Spinach Quinoa Balls | Beet Hummus | Sofrito Coconut Reduction

APPETIZERS

Amuse-bouche
Roasted Pumpkin Soup
Spiced Pepitas | Toasted Focaccia

Warm Vegetable Salad

Local Sweet Potato Pea Puree | Honey Roasted Carrots | Beets | Asparagus | Shiitakes
Roasted Red Onions | Pumpkin Tuile | Tarragon Oil | Goat Cheese (optional) | Micros
*GF*DF*V

ENTRÉES

5 Spiced Salmon
Whipped Garlic Mashed Potato | Charred Broccolini
Citrus Beurre Blanc | Microgreens
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Cilantro Lime Chicken Breast

Cream Cheese Pepper Stuffed | Turmeric Rice | Sauteed Asparagus | Tomato Bechamel
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Charred Coconut Herb Crusted Lamb

Whipped Garlic Mashed Potato | Charred Broccolini
Citrus Chimichurri Cream | Microgreens

Roasted Cauliflower Steak

Vegan Polenta | Roasted Brussel Sprouts | Pickled Cabbage | Mushroom Cream
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DESSERT

French Fruit Tart
Passion Fruit Pastry Cream | Berries | Strawberry Gelee | Almond Tuile
Edible Gold Leaf
Meringue | Fresh Mint

Vegan Guava Mousse
Avocado | Coconut Whipped Cream
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Message from Division of Gaming Enforcement



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT



MESSAGE FROM R. OLIVER DAVID, DIRECTOR DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT

On behalf of the Virgin Islands Department of Justice, Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE), it is indeed a privilege and honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission (VICCC) on the celebration of its Thirtieth Anniversary. The Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission, and by extension the people of the Virgin Islands, was blessed when the late Judge, Honorable Eileen R. Petersen, was chosen as the first Chairperson of the Commission.

Judge Petersen brought leadership, credibility, and integrity to the Commission when she embarked upon the task of spearheading and overseeing the drafting and implementation of the Casino Control Commission's rules and regulations. As a result of her leadership, adherence to the law, and a keen understanding of her community, she was able to establish the Virgin Islands as a reputable gaming jurisdiction, and the Casino Control Commission as a respected gaming regulatory entity.

During Judge Petersen's ten (10) plus years as Chairperson of the VICCC, the Commission recognized the role of the Division of Gaming Enforcement, as established pursuant to the V.I. Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995, as an integral part of effective gaming regulation in the Virgin Islands. Although legally the DGE was created as a division within the Virgin Islands Department of Justice, the Casino Control Commission took the lead in continuously and forcefully lobbying for adequate funding and staffing for the DGE. During that period, the VICCC ensured that the DGE received adequate training, and involved the DGE as a partner in all aspects of the gaming industry in the Virgin Islands further enhancing the DGE's ability to perform its statutory functions effectively.

Unfortunately, a few years ago, the reputation of the VICCC, as a credible regulatory entity, lost some of its luster. Fortunately, the current Commission, under the leadership of Chairman Marvin L. Pickering, has done an excellent job in repairing the damage that was done and once again establishing the VICCC as a respected and credible gaming regulatory entity.

Sincerely,

R. Oliver David, Esq.
AAG/Director Division of Gaming Enforcement

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Message from Former Chairman

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November 8, 2025

MESSAGE FROM FORMER CHAIRMAN CANEGATA THOMAS

It is with immense pride that I join the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission in celebrating *“30 Years of Casino Regulatory Excellence: Honoring Our Legacy, Shaping the Future.”*

The enactment of the Virgin Islands gaming law in 1995 laid a solid foundation for this industry, positioning it to serve as an important contributor to the economic vitality of our territory. I extend the highest respect to the visionary legislators and government leaders who had the foresight and courage to establish this framework.

I hold in special regard the inaugural Chairman, the Honorable Eileen R. Petersen, whose steadfast dedication ensured that the administration of the gaming law was executed with the highest standards of excellence and integrity. The legacy we celebrate today has been built upon her leadership and strengthened by the distinguished Commissioners who, through the years, have remained true to those guiding principles.

On this milestone anniversary, I extend heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the Casino Control Commission and the entire Virgin Island community it serves. It is truly a privilege and an honor to be part of this historic and enduring legacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gizette L. Thomas".

Gizette L. Thomas, Esq.



Message from Former Commissioner

Commemorative Statement for the 30th Anniversary Commemoration of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission

I am grateful and honored to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Virgin Islands Casino Control commission on the commemoration of their 30th anniversary as the licencing and regulatory authority for the casino industry in the United States Virgin Islands. My heartfelt appreciation is extended to Former Governor Honorable John P. DeJongh for appointing me to serve as a Commissioner of this auguste entity and to the 29th Legislature of the US Virgin Islands for confirming me.

My tenure with the Commission was from April 2011 to October 2016. Special thanks go out to the Former Chair Gizette Canegata-Thomas, Former Executive Director Debra Audain, Assistant Attorney General and Director of Gaming Enforcement Oliver David and Mr. Darren O'Reilly, Archive Specialist for welcoming me to the agency and making my orientation and on-boarding warm, informative and effective.

I valued my time at the Commission, and I worked relentlessly to earn the trust and respect of my colleagues (in and out of the office), our gaming executives, casino employees, vendors, contractors, potential investors, and very importantly.... our gaming public.

I tried to demonstrate empathy and concern for them by personal counselling and self exclusion discussions. I championed enhanced professional development opportunities and training for casino employees to increase their advancement opportunities in their respective companies. I was always in the office ready and willing to answer the calls, walk-ins or emergency situations.

My best wishes go to Chairman/CEO Marvin L Pickering, Vice Chair, Commissioner Carolyn P. Herman-Percell, Secretary-Treasurer Commissioner Luther F. Renee, Executive Director, Linda F. Smith and the entire Casino Commission staff as you chart your course to face the future challenges of sports betting, online gaming, artificial intelligence and so much more.

Godspeed and continued success!!



Roderick E. Moorehead, Sr. PhD
Commissioner (2011 -2016)





Congratulations

“Celebrating 30 Years of
Casino Regulatory Excellence: Honoring
Our Legacy, Shaping the Future”

With gratitude, I join the Virgin Islands
Casino Control Commission in
commemorating three decades of
principled oversight and public service.
Since the enactment of the Virgin Islands
Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995, the
Commission has upheld a mandate: to
safeguard integrity, promote responsible
gaming and ensure that economic
opportunity flows to the people of the U.S.
Virgin Islands.

This milestone belongs to many hands. It
honors the foresight of our founders: the
diligence of Commissioners and staff; the
partnership of licensees, law enforcement,
and industry stakeholders; and the trust of
our communities. Together we built a
regulatory framework that is fair and
resilient — one that nurtures investment
and protects consumers, while keeping the
public interest at the center.

Stacy A. Bourne
COMMISSIONER
2018 - 2021

A TRIBUTE TO THE CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION OF THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

On the occasion of this historic milestone, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Casino Control Commission of the U.S. Virgin Islands for three decades of remarkable service. For 30 years, the Commission has exemplified dedication, integrity, and excellence in its stewardship of the gaming industry. Your tireless efforts have not only safeguarded the public interest but have also strengthened our community and contributed to the economic vitality of the Territory.

As one of the first Commissioners — and the youngest to serve at that time — I, Dennis Brow, am deeply honored to have been part of the foundation of this great work. It remains one of the proudest chapters of my life to have helped craft the Casino Control Law and to take part in launching the regulatory framework that began the casino industry in our Virgin Islands.

Looking back, I am filled with gratitude for the vision, collaboration, and determination of all those who served alongside me, and for the Commission's enduring commitment to fairness and progress. This anniversary is not only a celebration of your achievements but also a testament to the lasting impact of your work on our community and future generations.

Thank you for your 30 years of tremendous service. It has been a privilege to stand among you in this history-making journey.

Dennis Brow

Commissioner
1996 – 1999

Message from the Dizon Family

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Casino Control Commission on its 30th anniversary. To the commissioners and past leaders who have guided this important work, especially to our beloved mother, Imelda Dizon, whose dedication as Vice-Chairman exemplified integrity, service, and leadership. May the Commission continue to uphold the highest standards of accountability and public trust.

With gratitude and pride,
The Dizon Family

On behalf of
IMELDA N. DIZON
COMMISSIONER | 1996 - 2003



Happy 30th
Anniversary to the
Casino Control
Commission
from Olivia H. Henry
and family of

OSCAR E. HENRY
COMMISSIONER
1996 - 1997

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Message from Divi Carina Bay Casino



November 8, 2025

Hon. Marvin L. Pickering, Chairman/CEO
Carolyn P. Hermon-Percell, Vice Chair
Luther F. Renee, Secretary/Treasurer
V.I. Casino Control Commission
3005 Orange Grove
Christiansted, U.S.V.I. 00820

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Divi Carina Bay Casino, I am honored to extend our sincere congratulations to the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission as you celebrate your 30th Anniversary. From the first roll of the dice, the Commission has been a part of our company's journey as the first casino to open in the Virgin Islands, guiding the development of this unique industry in our community.

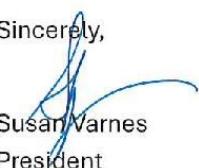
This milestone marks a significant chapter in the history of gaming in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Over the past three decades, the Commission has played a vital role in shaping the growth of the industry and ensuring its positive contribution to the territory's economy. Your leadership and oversight have provided a strong foundation for responsible gaming.

As a longstanding member of the St. Croix business community, we recognize the importance of this anniversary and the impact the Commission has had in establishing a framework for casino operations in the Virgin Islands. We are proud to have been part of this progress and remain committed to supporting the continued success of our industry.

We look forward to the future of gaming in the territory and to working together as the industry evolves.

Congratulations once again on 30 years of service and dedication to the Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,


Susan Varnes
President



Message from Caravelle Casino

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November 8, 2025

Marvin Pickering Chairman/CEO
Casino Control Commission
3005 Orange Grove
Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

Dear Chairman Pickering:

On behalf of Caravelle Hotel & Casino, I am honored to submit the following statement for inclusion in the commemorative booklet celebrating the 30th Anniversary Gala of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission:

This Gala marks a significant milestone — the 30th anniversary of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission (VICCC). For three decades, the VICCC has stood as a pillar of integrity, oversight, and public trust in the gaming industry.

This journey has been defined by a steadfast commitment to fairness, transparency, and responsible gaming. You've worked diligently to ensure that the casino sector operates with the highest standards of accountability, always prioritizing the protection of consumers and the upholding of the law.

This anniversary is not only a celebration of these accomplishments, but a heartfelt tribute to the dedicated professionals — past and present — whose commitment and expertise have shaped this legacy. Their tireless efforts have built a regulatory framework that is respected both nationally and internationally.

Here's to 30 years of service — and to many more to come.

We look forward to attending and celebrating this special occasion.

Sincerely,

Ted Schieffer COO
VIGL

cc: Carolyn Hermon-Percell-Commissioner, CCC

Luther Renee -Commissioner, CCC

Linda Smith- Executive Director, CCC

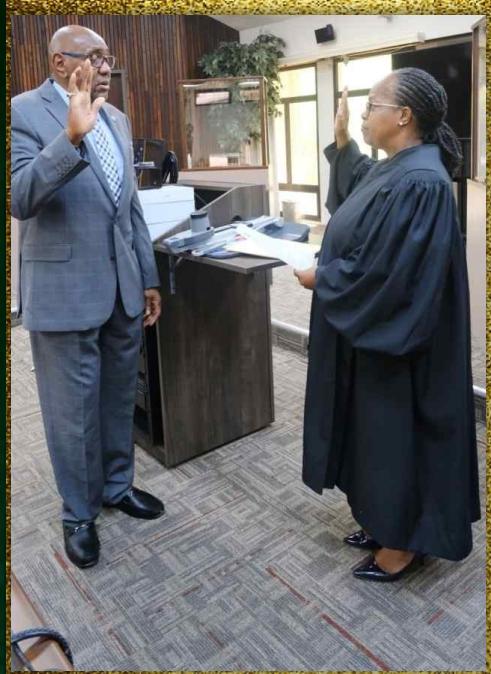
Ruthlin Hurtault-Licensing and Compliance Officer, CCC

Andrew Dubuque-Managing Partner, VIGL





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Schneider: Casino commission took a 'lot of blows'

world if I continue to thoroughly investigate those who apply for a license," she said.

Gov. Roy L. Schneider said Casino Control Commission members "took a lot of blows" because it took longer than expected to bring a casino to St. Croix.

"They took a lot of blows like good Trojan, but they brought us to this day," he said.

Schneider, indicating that these may be "some of the last words" he speaks publicly as governor, also used the groundbreaking ceremony to speak about current issues in the government.

He said reports that there may be upcoming paydays for government workers are false.

"Those clarvoyants are not running the government at this time," he



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"Everybody ... here has one thing in common," Burkholder said. "That is to revitalize the tourism industry on St. Croix."

Schneider also acknowledged that Gov. Roy L. G. T. James, and his wife, Lisa, in the audience, and Schneider said everyone needs "Good luck," he said to James.

Schneider thanked Burkholder and Grapetree Shores Inc. President Brad Whitmore for having faith in investing in the territory.

"All the eyes in the investment communities ... are watching very closely," Whitmore said.

Schneider said the Grapetree

Shores Inc. needs the casino to be scheduled to open in April. Whitmore said he has invested \$7 million of his own funds into the project and the Bank of Nova Scotia will invest \$5 million as well. He predicted that at the end of this project St. Croix would rank as one of the top tourist destinations in the Caribbean.

"This is the vision. This is what we are all working towards," said Whitmore, who is from Evanston, Ill.

Whitmore warned against introducing the much-debated video lottery terminals into the territory while the casino is brand-new.

"A new casino is a fragile child," he said. "And it must be nurtured until it can stand on its own."

Both Burkholder and Whitmore said that investors from throughout the Caribbean and the United States will monitor the success or failure of the project to determine St. Croix's viability as an investment site.

"All the eyes in the investment communities ... are watching very closely," Whitmore said.

Sens.-elect Anna G. Golden and Gregory Bernsen as well as Sens. Vargrave Richards, Holland L. Redfield II, Miguel A. Camacho and Carol M. Burke attended. James attended with his wife, Lisa. Turnbull-James transition team co-chair Ohanio Harris also attended.

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The Daily News, Tuesday, November 26, 2002

Virgin Islands

Casino Commission passes regulations for Internet gambling

By MARTY SCHLADEN

Daily News Staff Nov. 25 2002

ST. CROIX — A dubious Casino Control Commission found itself on the cutting edge Monday as it passed a set of regulations for Internet gambling.

Commissioners said that the licensing fees spelled out by the Senate will not cover their regulatory costs, that they were developing regulations without a model from another jurisdiction and that it was possible Internet gambling violates federal law. But they were bound by the Internet gambling section of the Senate-passed bill last year, developed by the body regulating they could.

"I am extremely uncomfortable working on these rules and regulations, but my hands are tied," said Commissioner Imelda Dizon. "It has not been determined whether Internet gambling is legal under federal law."

For their part, representatives of

the two companies that the V.I. law designated as "master-service providers" say that if the government and the commission do not change the rules too much, they expect many companies — particularly from Nevada and New Jersey — to move to St. Croix and set up Internet-gambling operations.

The master-service providers now must apply for licenses. That process is expected to take several months, and then companies that would contract with them to conduct Internet gambling also must be licensed.

"We are hoping eventually to have 75 franchises," said Nick Pourzal, managing partner of United States Internet Gaming Services. "This will generate an enormous investment."

Todd Newman, a Christian attorney and a partner in the St. Croix Internet Group, said that the big gaming companies in Nevada

and New Jersey would risk their licenses there by setting up Internet-gambling companies in unregulated jurisdictions. For that reason, many of those companies are likely to find St. Croix an attractive place to do business, Newman said.

"The world is very much aware what the commission is passing these regulations," Newman said.

But Newman said, unlike a land-based casino, Internet-gambling franchises easily can pull out if they find the territory to be a difficult place to do business.

"You have to have stability, or you can lose the franchises overnight," he said.

Casino Control Commission Chairwoman Eileen Peterson said the fact the commission had no existing state regulation after which to model its regulations made writing them difficult.

"The Legislature said we're supposed to be a role model for the

United States," Peterson said.

Adding to the uncertainty was the fact the U.S. Justice Department maintained in August that Internet gambling was illegal under federal law even as the House of Representatives began to consider partial regulation of the industry.

The legal picture became somewhat clearer Friday, when the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans upheld a lower-court ruling that Internet gambling did not violate the U.S. Wire Communications Act.

But Peterson said she was disturbed that the Legislature passed an act designating the master-service providers without putting the service out to bid. She said that she also was worried that the Senate did not study the financial impact of Internet gambling on the territory and its residents and that the licensing fees were so low.

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ment with much trepidation, much fear," she said.

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Master-service providers each will pay \$25,000 for three-year licenses, while licensees will pay \$25,000 for the first year and \$10,000 a year for renewal. By comparison, Divi Carina Bay Casino pays \$150,000 for a two-year license.

"This is peanuts," Dizon said of the Internet fees.

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