Board of Directors

The U.S. Virgin Islands Economic Authority is managed by a seven-member board.
Kevin Rodriquez
Chairman
Gary Molloy
Vice Chairman

Gary Molloy serves as the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Labor (VIDOL). Commissioner Molloy’s professional experience demonstrates that he is a business savvy educator with thirty (30) plus years of experience. Mr. Molloy is known as a creative, resourceful, out-of-the-box, innovative thinker and a visionary team leader who believes in capacity building. He is data and results-driven and experienced in developing, planning, managing, and effectuating performance and operational changes and achieving stated goals. Mr. Molloy holds degrees from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education), from the University of the Virgin Islands in St. Croix (Masters of Arts in Administration and Supervision) and from NOVA Southeastern University in Miami, Florida (Educational Specialist in Curriculum, Instruction Management, and Administration). Currently, Mr. Molloy is a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) candidate in the Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change program at the University of the Virgin Islands. He has dedicated his life to the pursuit of efficient administration, policy and program development, labor relations and employment, negotiations and management of collective bargaining agreements.
Haldane Davies, Ph.D., serves as Vice President for Business Development and Innovation at the University of the Virgin Islands. Dr. Davies holds a doctorate in Philosophy degree in Educational Administration with a focus on higher education from Andrews University. He is also a strategic planner, certified mediator, trainer, accreditation evaluator, competency assessor, and a member of the Baldrige Board of Examiners. Dr. Davies, who is also Executive Director of the Foundation for the University of the Virgin Islands, holds certificates in related areas from Harvard University, Cornell University, the University of the West Indies and Yale University.
Jose' A. Penn  
Board Member

José A. Penn represents the island of St. John on the USVIEDA Board and is also Chairman of the Enterprise Zone Commission (EZC). He is chief financial officer of his family's group of businesses: Penn’s Apartment Rental, Inc.; Penn’s Jeep Rental, Inc. and Penn’s Trucking Services, Inc. Mr. Penn obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from the University of the Virgin Islands and serves on the following Boards: Virgin Islands Board of Land Use Appeals; Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park Advisory Board; the Virgin Islands Port Authority; the St. Thomas/St. John Horse Racing Commission; Junior Achievement of the Virgin Islands and the Julius E. Sprauve School Charitable Trust. He is also a member of the St. Thomas - St. John Chamber of Commerce, Inc. and is a charter and honorary member of the Rotary Club of St. John, Inc.
Philip E. Payne  
Board Member

Mr. Payne is a long-time resident and business owner in the Virgin Islands and lives on the island of St. Croix. He is the owner and CEO of Dyer & Payne, Inc. which consists of National Parts Virgin Islands, Dyer & Payne Distributing and Global Solutions. He has spent 35 years in the automotive industry and 10 years in the paper and plastics industry. Mr. Payne has served on numerous boards including the Beacon Schools of the V.I., vice chairman of the Automotive Association of the Southeast U.S., National Jobber Council for Parts Plus, Board of Trustees for the Insurance Trust of Alabama and Sponsor of the Governor’s Virgin Islands Youth Games. He was educated at Marietta School of Technology majoring in Automotive Technology and Business Management.
Positive Nelson
Board Member

Title 29 VIC Chapter 21 creates the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority and its board. The law states that the members of the board shall be seven (7) in numbers. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor from amongst the heads of cabinet-level executive departments or agencies or his executive staff. Three shall not be employees of the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands and shall represent each of the Virgin Islands. And one member must be appointed from the Board of Executive Staff of the Government Employee Retirement System, Virgin Islands Port Authority, or the University of the Virgin Islands.

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