

## RESOLUTION NO. 002

### VIRGIN ISLANDS SIXTH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

#### Second Session 2025

A Resolution to establish the Standing Committees of the Virgin Islands Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention.

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**WHEREAS**, Act No. 8681, as amended by Acts Nos. 8734, 8788, 8814, and 8979 sets forth the way that the Delegates of the Virgin Islands Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention are elected, administered the oath of office, and the conduct of the convention as established for the drafting of a proposed constitution, as set forth in Public Law No. 94-584;

**WHEREAS**, the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention ("Constitutional Convention" or "Convention") shall ensure the promulgation of rules to govern all meetings, elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and all other officers determined to be necessary to execute the mission of the Convention;

**WHEREAS**, the election of its officers, establishment of committees, appointment of members to the committees, and the general organization of the body are inherent powers of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the authority granted by Act No. 8681, as amended by Acts Nos. 8734, 8788, 8814, and 8979, the purpose of this resolution is to establish the Standing Committees of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention; Now, therefore

*It is hereby Resolved by the Virgin Islands Sixth Constitutional Convention THAT:*

**SECTION 1.** The following Standing Committees of the Constitutional Convention are established, and the Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Standing Committees will be appointed in accordance with the Rules of the Sixth Constitutional Convention, Rule 7(h).


- (a) Standing Executive Committee: This committee shall be responsible for the administration and coordination of all business and activity of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention and set the calendar of meetings. The Members of the Standing Executive Committee are as follows:
1. Delegate Usie R. Richards: **President**, V.I. Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention
  2. Delegate Stedman Hodge, Jr.: **Vice-President**, V.I. Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention
  3. Delegate Imani Daniel: **Secretary**, V.I. Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention
  4. Delegate John J. Abramson, Jr.: **Treasurer**, V.I. Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention
- (b) Standing Committee on Education and Public Information: This committee shall develop a public education campaign plan in plain English, Spanish, and Creole utilizing public broadcasts to include radio and television; print media to include newspapers, magazines and outdoor billboards; and internet media platforms. The plan shall be two-phased: The initial phase shall be focused on educating the public on the role of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention, the purpose of a Constitution, and the need for a Virgin Islands Constitution. The second phase of the public education plan shall be focused on informing and educating the public on the Constitution adopted

by the V.I. Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention, after submitting the proposed Constitution of the Virgin Islands to the Governor of the Virgin Islands. The plan shall be submitted to the Standing Executive Committee for review and approval. Said plan shall then be presented to the full Convention body for consideration and action.

- (c) Standing Committee on Culture and Heritage: This committee shall conduct the review and proposed revisions to Article IX – Education; Article XIV – Culture; and Article XV – Protection of Environment of the Proposed Fifth Constitutional Convention document. The proposed revisions of this Standing Committee shall be submitted to the Standing Executive Committee for presentation to the full Convention body for consideration and action.
- (d) Standing Committee on Finance and Public Services: This committee shall conduct the review and proposed revisions to Article XI – Taxation, Finance, and Commerce; Article XII – Economic Development; and Article XIII – Public Health, Safety, and Welfare of the Proposed Fifth Constitutional Convention document. The proposed revisions of this Standing Committee shall be submitted to the Standing Executive Committee for presentation to the full Convention body for consideration and action.
- (e) Standing Committee on Government Structure: This committee shall conduct the review and proposed revisions to Article II – Principles of Government; Article V – Legislative Branch; Article VI – Executive Branch; Article - VII The Judicial Branch; Article VIII -Local Government; Article XVIII – Constitutional Amendment; and Article – XIX – Transition of the Proposed Fifth Constitutional Convention document. The proposed revisions of this Standing Committee shall be submitted to the Standing Executive Committee for presentation to the full Convention body for consideration and action.
- (f) Standing Committee on Human Rights: This committee shall conduct the review and proposed revisions to Article I – Bill of Rights; Article III – Virgin Islander; Article IV – Suffrage and Elections; Article X - Youth; Article XVI – Initiatives, Referendums, and Recalls; and Article XVII Political Status Advisory Commission of the Proposed Fifth Constitutional Convention document. The proposed revisions of this Standing Committee shall be submitted to the Standing Executive Committee for presentation to the full Convention body for consideration and action.

**SECTION 3.** The duly elected Delegates of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Constitutional Convention of the Virgin Islands of the United States shall review, discuss, and act on all proposals from the Standing Committee on Education and Public Information, the Standing Committee on Culture and Heritage, the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Services, the Standing Committee on Government Structure, and the Standing Committee on Human Rights during a Session of the body.

THUS, ADOPTED BY THE VIRGIN ISLANDS SIXTH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ON MARCH 1, 2025.



Signature 6<sup>th</sup> VICC President

03/04/2025

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Signature 6<sup>th</sup> VICC Secretary Date