



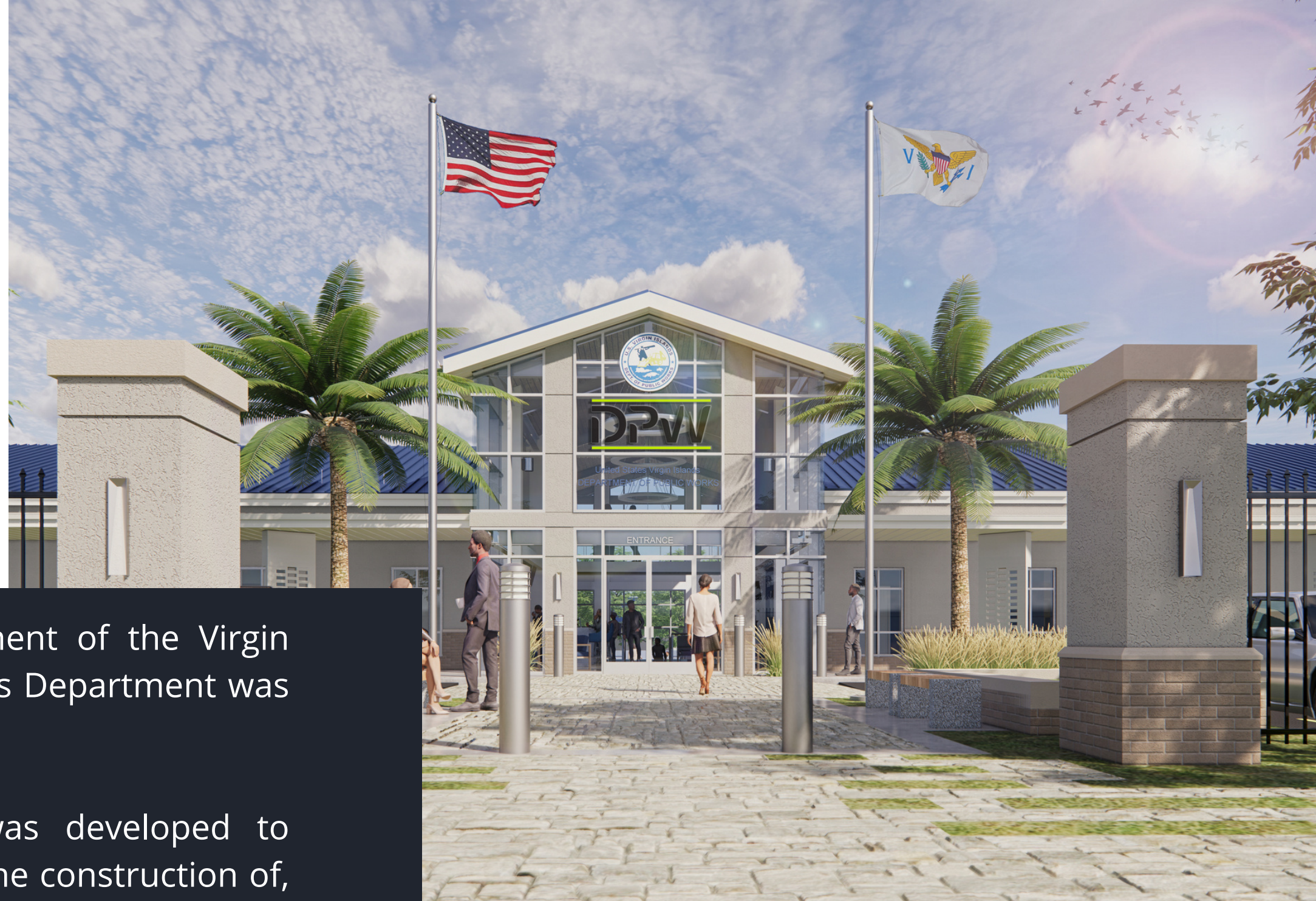
DPW COMMISSIONERS

LEARNING THE PAST TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

DPW HISTORY



- Pursuant to the Organic Act of 1954, the Government of the Virgin Islands Executive Branch, inclusive of the Public Works Department was established.
- Subsequently the Department of Public Works was developed to primarily to participate in the planning of, supervise the construction of, and repair and maintain, all government buildings and grounds, public roads, highways, seawalls, wharves, seaways, public recreation areas, airports, and properties of like character;
- In 1954, the first agency head of Department of Public Works were called Superintendent's and we have had 18 agency heads since then. Today, we referred to the agency head as Commissioners.



VIRGIN ISLANDS CODE

>>>>>>>>> TITLE 31 - PUBLIC WORKS AND PROPERTY



- The Commissioner of Public Works shall—

- (1) participate in the planning of, supervise the construction of, and repair and maintain, all government buildings and grounds, public roads, highways, seawalls, wharves, seaways, public recreation areas, airports, and properties of like character;
- (2) repair and maintain other government-owned public utilities, and recommend methods for their maintenance;
- (3) provide engineering and land survey services;
- (4) plan for public works;
- (5) cooperate with the Federal Government in the planning for, and in the construction, repair, and maintenance of, any government buildings and grounds, public roads, highways, harbors, seawalls, wharves, seaways, public recreation areas, public housing projects, airports and properties of like character; perform all functions and exercise all authority as required by Federal law in the construction, repair and maintenance of such Federally aided projects; expend all funds made available by the Federal Government for such purposes; and prepare and submit reports with respect to such activities as required by Federal law; and
- (6) comply, and require all employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors of the Department to comply with all territorial and federal environmental and land use laws, rules and regulations, including pollution control permits and mitigation measures, earth change permits, and the coastal zone permit, when planning and engaging in the construction, maintenance and repair of government buildings, public roads, highways, sea walls, wharves, sea ways, public utilities, public recreational facilities, airports and all other public projects and capital improvements.



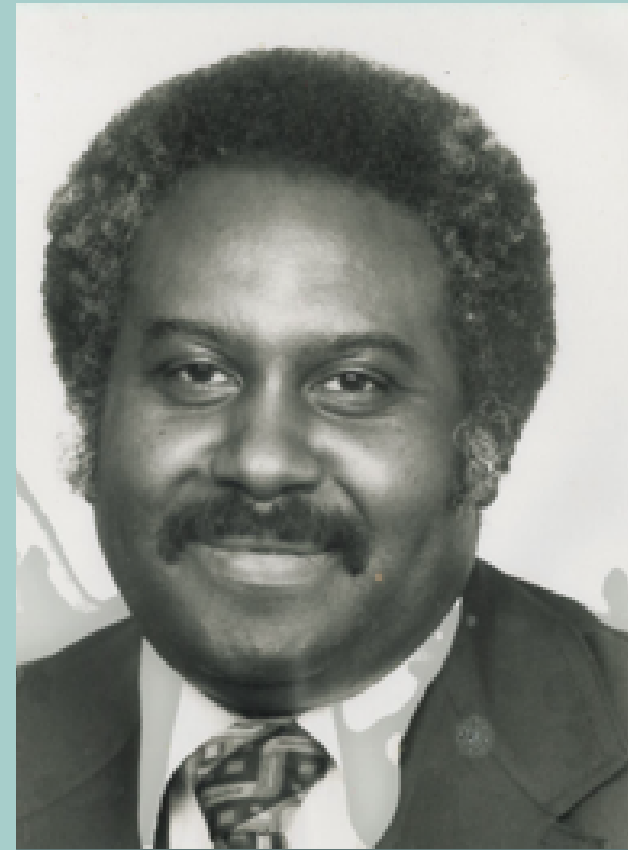
DPW FIRST COMMISSIONER

Honorable
Donald S.
Boreham

1957 - 1961



James W. Huston
1961-1969



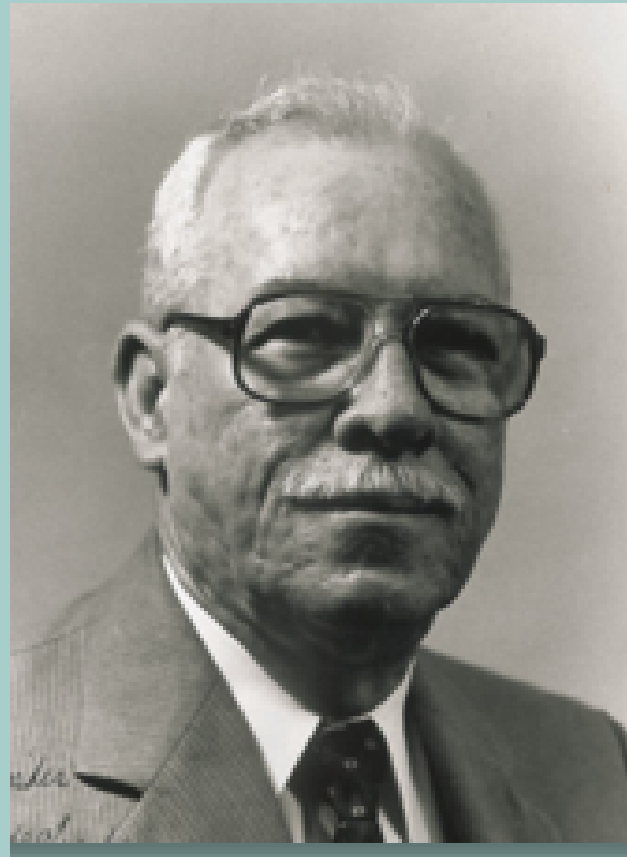
Pelham C. Williams
1969-1971



John E. Harding
1971-1975



Gordon A. Finch
1975-1979



Arnold M. Golden II
1979-1983



Cecil E. George
1983-1986



James C. Savage
1987-1988



Leo H. Francis
1989-1995



Ann E. Abramson
1995-1997

Lindell A. Williams
1997-1999

Harold G. Thompson
1999-2000

Wayne Callwood
2001-2005

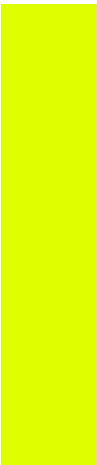


George Phillips
2005–2007

Darryl Smalls
2007–2015

Gustav James
2015–2017

Nelson Petty Jr.
2017–2020



DPW COMMISSIONER

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Honorable Derek Gabriel

2021 - present

