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VIPA BOARD NAMES DAMIAN CARTWRIGHT ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANNOUNCES OTHER PORT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



Damian Cartwright



Angelo Raimondi



Anise I. Hodge

The Virgin Islands Port Authority's board of governors has selected Damian Cartwright to serve as VIPA's Acting Executive Director. David W. Mapp, Sr. retired as the agency's Executive Director on January 31st after 32 years of service at VIPA. Cartwright, who resides on St. Croix, is a Civil Engineer who has worked with the Port Authority for over four years. He has served as VIPA's Assistant Executive Director and Director of Engineering since 2017. He will act as VIPA's Executive Director until a permanent director is chosen by the board.

The board has also named VIPA's St. Thomas/St. John District Marine Manager, Captain Angelo Raimondi, to serve as the Acting Assistant Executive Director. Raimondi will retain his duties as Marine Manager while assisting the Acting Executive Director with the daily operations of VIPA. He will directly supervise VIPA's employees on St. Thomas and St. John.

Anise I. Hodge was chosen to serve as VIPA's Deputy Executive Director at the board's monthly meeting held yesterday. Hodge joined VIPA's Administration and Finance Department in November 2015 as a Business and Policy Operations Analyst. She was instrumental in the agency's recovery after Category 5 Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017 and coordinated its federal and local insurance and grant programs to fund the ports' restoration projects. Hodge's position as Deputy ranks her third in command at VIPA. She will act as VIPA's emergency preparedness officer and coordinate all disaster response activities with other government and private agencies. Acting Executive Director Cartwright said, "VIPA was very fortunate to have Ms. Hodge on its team during the recovery efforts after the devastating storms in 2017. VIPA's governing board and management team are confident that Ms. Hodge has the leadership skills, training, and experience necessary to successfully execute VIPA's strategic plan, and put the agency in a position to quickly recover from any future natural disasters or emergency situations."

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