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Alexander A. Moorhead, Jr. - UVI Board Chair Emeritus

“Exemplar of Leadership, Meticulous Guide, & Quiet Force of Excellence”

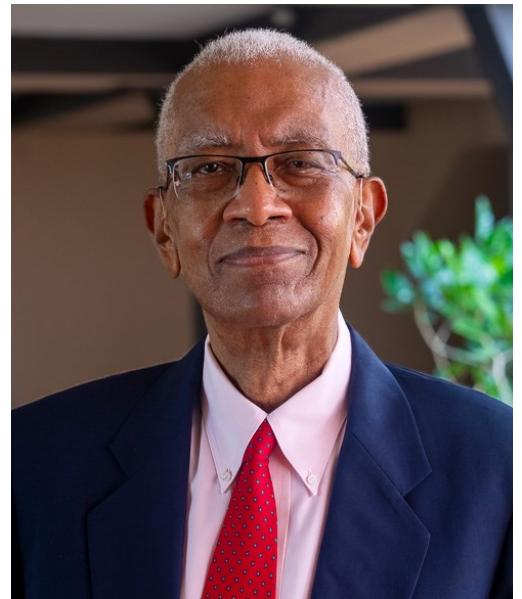
Born on St. Croix, Alexander A. Moorhead, Jr. was elected to three terms in the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, from 1971-1976, where he served as a Senate Minority Leader.

Moorhead was employed by the V.I. Water & Power Authority from 1977-1979, first as Director of Management Services and later as Deputy Executive Director, the number two position in that public utility. After securing his Master of Public Administration from Harvard University in 1980, Moorhead was hired by the Hess Oil (later HOVENSA) refinery on St. Croix, and served as HOVENSA's Vice President, Government Affairs, Community Relations & Secretary until his retirement in June, 2010.

He was appointed and confirmed to the Board of Trustees of the University of the Virgin Islands in March 1996 and served continuously until May 2020, during which time, Moorhead was reelected every five years to serve as a member of the Board for five terms. He served with distinction for 24 years, during the administration of three presidents of the University, and participated in and supported numerous key initiatives and projects of the University.

During his distinguished service on the Board, Moorhead served as chairman of the Board for five years and as vice chairman of the Board for 16 Years. He served on the Audit Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, Finance and Budget Committee, Governance Committee, as well as two Presidential Search Committees. By virtue of his position as the chair of a Committee, he served on the Executive Committee of the Board for 24 years. He provided those committees and the Board the benefit of his experience gained during his service in the private sector and public sector and his knowledge of higher education. In recognition of, and gratitude for his outstanding and superb service as a member of the Board of Trustees, Moorhead was granted the status of Board Chair Emeritus with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

Within the UVI Community, Moorhead was also a member of the Foundation for the University Board, Reichhold Center Board and the RTPark Board. It was under his leadership of the Board of Trustees and the membership with RTPark Board that the RTPark building on St. Croix and the West Hall residence on St. Thomas were completed.



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