

Dennie resigns as Plipdeco president

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DR CURTIS DENNIE has resigned as president of the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Ltd (Plipdeco).

On January 20, Dennie, Plipdeco's substantive vice-president of Port Operations, was appointed acting president after then-acting president Dr Averne Pantin was placed on administrative leave.

On August 1, Dennie was officially named Plipdeco's president for a three-month term set to end on October 31. However, his appointment was extended for an additional three months on November 1, running through January 31 of next year.

In a brief confirmation to the *Express*, Plipdeco's corporate communications supervisor, Gizelle Crooks, said via WhatsApp, 'Hi, yes, he has resigned.'

A memo to staff from chairman Ramnarine Persad, now circulating on social media, stated that Dennie's resignation takes effect on December 31.

'Please be advised that Dr Curtis Dennie has tendered his resignation from the position of president of Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Ltd (Plipdeco), effective December 31, 2025.

During his tenure, Dr Dennie has provided dedicated leadership and strategic vision that has contributed significantly to the growth and development of Plipdeco. His commitment to the Corporation, and the broader industrial community, has been evident in his efforts to strengthen operations, foster innovation, and enhance our position as a leading port,' Persad wrote.

He expressed gratitude on behalf of the board, adding: 'As Dr Dennie moves on to pursue new opportunities, we join in wishing him the very best in his future endeavours. Please be assured that the board is committed to ensuring a smooth leadership transition. Further updates regarding succession plans will be shared in due course.'

Dennie's departure comes after a period of significant turnover at Plipdeco.

In July 2024, former chairman Daniel Dookie placed then president Ashley Taylor on administrative leave, and Pantin was appointed acting president.

Dookie stepped down as chairman in October 2024 and was succeeded by Annette Wattie. On February 7, Pantin resigned.

According to Plipdeco, its senior management now comprises acting vice-president of Port Operations Clint Duncan, acting vice-president of Technical Services Deoral Mahase, and acting vice-president of Business Services Deera Goorahoo- Ramdeo. In July Persad has been appointed Plipdeco chairman as a 13-member board was installed.

Vanessa Kussie, the widow of Rishi Nagassar-one of the four Land and Marine Construction Services (LMCS) divers killed in the February 2022 Paria Fuel diving tragedy-is also a member on the board.

The other members of the board are Sieunarine Babwah, Karunaa Bisram Singh, Trevor Joseph, Mulchan Lewis, Ramchand Maraj, Sadia Mohammed, Marsha Padia, Rondell Parsotan, Jonathan Poliah, Indy Samaroo and Jeffery Sookram.

The appointments were made at Plipdeco's 58th Annual General Meeting, held at Plipdeco House, Orinoco Drive, Point Lisas Industrial Estate, Couva.

Former chair Annette Wattie, along with outgoing directors Cindy Manson, Richardo Garcia, Ricardo Lewis, St Clair O'Neil, and Stephen Harris, officially demitted office at the close of the meeting.