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36th Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands Committee on Education and Workforce Development

Agenda Revised I

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

9:00 AM

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, Capitol Building, St. Thomas

The Committee will receive testimony regarding plans for summer repair and maintenance in public schools, as well as consider and vet proposed committee legislation.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Opening Remarks

IV. Reading of the agenda

V. Block I – Plans for summer repair and maintenance in public schools

Invited Testifier(s):

- Craig Benjamin, Executive Director
Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance
- Kyza A. Callwood, PhD, Chairperson
Virgin Islands Board of Education

VI. Block II – Consider and vet proposed committee legislation

Bill No. 36-0049 An Act establishing the Bureau of School Security within the Virgin Islands Department of Education
Sponsor: Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Invited Testifier(s):

- Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Ph.D., Commissioner
- Irvin Mason, Director of School Security
Virgin Islands Department of Education

- Kyza A. Callwood, PhD, Chairperson
Virgin Islands Board of Education
- Gleston E. McIntosh, Jr., Executive Director
Virgin Islands Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.)
- Honorable Mario Brooks, Commissioner
Virgin Islands Police Department
- Kevin Dowdy, School Monitor
Virgin Islands Department of Education

Bill No. 36-0064 An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3100i aligning the disbursement and spending limitations of funds allotted to public schools from the Education Initiative Fund with the realities of academic planning, ensuring that funds are used to maximize student success

Sponsor: Honorable Kurt Violet

Invited Testifier(s):

- Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Ph.D., Commissioner
Virgin Islands Department of Education
- Julio Rhymer, Director
Office of Management and Budget

VII. Closing Remarks

VIII. Adjournment

Thank you for your attendance and valuable contributions to the hearing