

# Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands



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## Committee on Education and Workforce Development

Thursday, November 16, 2023

10:00 AM

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room  
St. Croix, USVI

### **REVISED III** **Meeting Agenda**

#### **BLOCK I**

The Committee will receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Department of Labor, Virgin Islands State Workforce Development Board, Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board, Career Technical and Adult Education, UVI Cell, UVI RT Park Vista+, and My Brother's Workshop regarding their organization's role in the workforce development system in the Virgin Islands, specifically addressing workforce development programs and the services provided to help people find, prepare for, and maintain employment.

#### **Invited Testifier:**

**Honorable Gary Molloy**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Labor  
**Michael Carty**, Chairman, Virgin Islands Workforce Development Board  
**Dr. Monique Faulkner**, State Director, Career Technical and Adult Education  
**Joane Murphy**, Chairwoman, Virgin Islands Career & Technical Education Board  
**Dr. Suzanne Darrow-Magras**, Director, UVI Cell  
**Alphonso Rodriguez**, Senior Entrepreneurship Manager, UVI RT Park  
**Jenny Hawkes**, Executive Director, My Brother's Workshop

#### **BLOCK II**

The Committee will receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Department of Education and the Board of Education regarding the following:

1. Status of school facilities; specifically repairs to St. Croix schools.
2. Status of the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance.
3. School schedules – abbreviated and hybrid.
4. Matters of concern to the Board of Education regarding the recent teacher and student protests.
5. Any other matters that the Board of Education would like to address.

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& Workforce Development

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Committee on Health, Hospitals  
& Human Services  
Committee on Rules & Judiciary

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The Committee will also hear testimony from students on their high school experience, including but not limited to concerns, issues, and challenges they face in attending public high school.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

**Dr. Kyza Callwood**, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education

**Maqueda Noorhassan**, Concerned Parent

**St. Croix Central High School Student Council and other invited students**

**St. Croix Educational Complex High School Student Council and other invited students**

**John H. Woodson Jr. High School invited students**

**BLOCK III**

The Committee will receive testimony from United Steelworkers (USW) on the ongoing issues that they are experiencing with the Government of the Virgin Islands, specifically the Office of Collective Bargaining and the Commissioners of the various government agencies.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Daniel Flippo**, District 9 Director, United Steelworkers