

Legislative Testimony of Winona Adams Hendricks
35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Committee on Rules and Judiciary
Nomination of Dr. Kyza A. Callwood – UVI RT Park

Good morning, Chairperson Diane T. Capehart & members of the legislative committee on Rules and Judiciary, and the listening and viewing audience.

My name is Winona Adams Hendricks, a retired educator, currently serving as a member of the Virgin Islands Board of Education.

I am here today to support the nomination of Dr. Kyza A. Callwood for the Research & Technology Park Board.

The RTPark focuses on economic development programs specializing in technology and knowledge -based businesses in the United States Virgin Islands.

The Park is a Partnership between the Private sector, the University of the Virgin Islands & the Govt. of the Virgin which offers tax incentives, and entrepreneurial program guidance.

Dr. Callwood is an adjunct professor at the University of the Virgin Islands, a member of the Board of Education, and he is a Millennial birth person that possesses the ability to complete the following:

- Review research projects or studies and write a report
- Collaborate with other colleagues and provide meaningful feedback
- Communicate with audiences about projects, applications, or grants and make presentations to share evidence to enable decision making.
- Motivate and inspire out of the box and innovate thinking
- Possibly, reduce the gap between those who need access to technology to include households, schools and students to participate in and benefit from technological options.

Dr. Callwood has the unique opportunity as a Virgin Islander to serve on the RTPark Board, which gives him a chance to Envision along with other board members: technological systems and businesses for the Virgin Islands connected to or applied to breakthrough technology trends, automation & processing. These

ideas should assist the Virgin Islands and our region with preparation for the future NOW.

Dr. Callwood possesses the ability to research, discuss and vote for implementation of projects in areas including but not limited to:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Climate technology
- Cybersecurity
- Efficient solar & clean energy projects
- Ideas for the future of space research
- Ideas for Robotics in the household, customer service, auto -industries and advances in medicine
- Ideas for the future of bioengineering
- Review of Power electronics designs - PE - is technology for efficient conversion, and management of electric power and for controlling the flow of electrical energy. Power electronics are used in many areas such as laptop chargers, inverters for driving electric vehicles and renewable energy systems.
- Maybe the RTPark Board can research Power Electronics and other energy sources to recommend solutions for the exhausting quality of life problems affecting- Virgin Islands electrical power, connectivity and sustainability.

Dr. Callwood and his colleagues will also be responsible for timely obligations required by funding sources and for the integrity of the board to the public.

As the public, we expect members of the RT Park Board to be advocates for technology which will benefit our community. We expect them to help us to understand the work of the RTPark, their discipline and the science of how technology systems will empower, facilitate, and globally equip the Virgin Islands for competition.

I conclude by saying, Virgin Islander, Kyza A. Callwood has reliable technological skills, the knowledge & capability to increase the success and the effectiveness of the Research and Technology Park Board.

I thank you for the time to place my support on the record today.