



36th Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands

Committee on Education and Workforce Development

Agenda

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

10:00 AM

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

MEMBERS

Senator Kurt A. Violet
Chairman

Senator Avery L. Lewis
Vice Chair

Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

Senator Marise C. James

Senator Carla Joseph

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Opening Remarks

IV. Reading of the agenda

V. Block I - Testimonies and Committee Discussions

Invited Testifier(s):

Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner, Department of Labor

- Status of Workforce Development Programs that align with key industries (construction, technology, healthcare)
- Breakdown of local and federal funds allocated for workforce development and the number of individuals served
- Update on the Youth and Apprenticeship Program, including participating service providers and individuals served
- Financial breakdown of expenditures for the Youth and Apprenticeship Program
- Status and of the Summer Youth Work Experience Program
- Youth Team impact: Number of youths served, completed academic/career assessments, and service referrals

VI. Block II Testimonies and Committee Discussions

Invited Testifiers(s):

1. **Scott Bradley**, Founder, My Brother's Workshop
2. **Frandelle Gerard**, Executive Director, Crucian Heritage & Nature Tourism
3. **Dr. Suzanne Darrow-Magras**, Director, University of the Virgin Islands Center for Excellence in Leadership and Learning (UVI CELL)

Discussion Topics:

- Overview of Organization's Mission and Programs
- Workforce Development Initiatives
- Educational and training opportunities offered
- Collaborations with schools, colleges, and vocational programs
- Success stories and community impact
- Barriers and challenges to workforce development

VII. Closing Remarks

VIII. Adjournment

Thank you for your attendance and valuable contributions to the hearing