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

Agenda

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

10:00 AM

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

The Committee will receive testimony on the status of special education programs in the territory's public schools, to include local and federal funding, and participating service providers.

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 Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner
Virgin Islands Department of Education
- Karen H. Brown, Ph.D., MPH, CCC-SLP, Dean
University of the Virgin Islands, School of Education
- Dr. Suzanne Darrow-Magras, Director
University of the Virgin Islands
Center for Excellence in Leadership and Learning
- Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner
Virgin Islands Department of Labor
- Angus Drigo, Executive Director
Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands

VI. Block II - Testimonies and Committee Discussions

Invited Testifier(s):

- Jody Miller, EdD, BCBA, Director
Coral Reef Academy
- Krystal Wattley, Practice Manager
Island Therapy Solutions
- Mardly Smith, Owner
Orange Tree Staffing
- Julie Sommer, MS, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist & Director
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VII. Closing Remarks

VIII. Adjournment

Thank you for your attendance and valuable contributions to the hearing