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## 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands Committee on Education and Workforce Development

### Agenda **\*Revised I**

Friday, May 9, 2025

10:00 AM

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, Capitol 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, Ph.D., Commissioner  
Virgin Islands Department of Education
- Karen H. Brown, Ph.D., MPH, CCC-SLP, Dean  
University of the Virgin Islands
- Suzanne Darrow-Magras, Ph.D., Director  
University of the Virgin Islands  
Center for Excellence in Leadership and Learning
- Honorable Gary Molloy, Ph.D., 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
- [Sophia Parrilla, PhD, Clinical Director](#)  
Island Therapy Solutions
- Mardly Smith, Owner and Recruiter  
Orange Tree Staffing
- Julie Sommer, MS, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist & Director  
JS Therapies

## **VII. Closing Remarks**

## **VIII. Adjournment**

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**Thank you for your attendance and valuable contributions to the hearing**

[\\*Change in invited testifiers.](#)