



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

Agenda **REVISED I**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

10:00 AM

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The Committee will consider proposed legislation as well as receive a status update from the Department of Education regarding redistricting of the Territory's schools.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Opening Remarks

IV. Reading of the agenda

V. Block I – Redistricting of Virgin Islands Schools and plans for summer maintenance

Invited Testifier(s):

- Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Ed.D., Commissioner
Virgin Islands Department of Education
- Craig Benjamin, Executive Director
Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance
- Kyza A. Callwood, PhD, Chairperson
Virgin Islands Board of Education
- Leontyne Jones, President
American Federation of Teachers – St. Thomas/St. John, Local 1825
- Tamioka Phillipus
American Federation of Teachers - St. Croix, Local 1826

VI. Block II - Proposed Legislation

Bill No. 36-0207 An act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, subchapter VI, by adding section 590d and title 24 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1,

by adding section 24 requiring employers to grant parents or legal guardians of a child with a diagnosed disability, two hours per month of paid leave to attend the child's medical appointments

Proposed by: Avery L. Lewis

Invited Testifier(s):

- Honorable Gary Molloy, PhD, Commissioner
Department of Labor
- Cindy L. Richardson, Director
Division of Personnel
- Honorable Justa Encarnacion, Commissioner
Department of Health
- Bryan Young, MD, FAAP
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VII. Closing Remarks

VIII. Adjournment

Thank you for your attendance and valuable contributions to the hearing