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Agenda

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

10:00 AM

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix

The Committee will consider proposed legislation as well as receive a status update from the University of the Virgin Islands.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Opening Remarks

IV. Reading of the agenda

V. Block I – Status update from the University of the Virgin Islands

Invited Testifier(s):

- Dr. Safiya George, President
University of the Virgin Islands

VI. Block II - Proposed Legislation

Bill No. 36-0133 An act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111(a)(1) providing mental health education and instruction

Proposed by: Milton E. Potter

Invited Testifier(s):

- Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Ed.D., Commissioner
Virgin Islands Department of Education
- Kyza A. Callwood, PhD, Chairperson
Virgin Islands Board of Education
- Honorable Justa Encarnacion, Commissioner
Department of Health

- Dr. Yassin Hall
Mental Health Advocate, Educator, and Motivational Speaker
- Leontyne Jones, President
American Federation of Teachers – St. Thomas/St. John, Local 1825
- Tamiaka Phillipus, President
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VII. Closing Remarks

VIII. Adjournment

Thank you for your attendance and valuable contributions to the hearing