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**Minutes
Special Meeting – May 26, 2023**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kyza Callwood.

II. Roll Call

The following were present: Kyza Callwood, Emmanuella Perez-Cassius, Winona Hendricks, Terrence Joseph, Nandi Sekou and Arah C. Lockhart. Member Richards was late. Member Judy M. Gomez was absent.

III. Approval of St. Croix Professional Staff Certification

MOTION: Member Hendricks made the motion to approve the 15 certification candidates for the St. Croix district.

SECOND: Member Joseph

Voting was as follows:

Yea (7) –K. Callwood, E. Perez-Cassius, S. Richards, W. Hendricks, T. Joseph, N. Sekou and A. Lockhart

Absent (1) – J. Gomez

The motion carried.

IV. Approval of St. Thomas/St. John Professional Staff Certification

MOTION: Member Hendricks made the motion to approve the 16 certification candidates for the St. Croix district.

SECOND: Members Lockhart and Perez-Cassius

Voting was as follows:

Yea (7) –K. Callwood, E. Perez-Cassius, S. Richards, W. Hendricks, T. Joseph, N. Sekou and A. Lockhart

Absent (1) – J. Gomez

The motion carried.

Member Hendricks suggested that the Board work with the Dept to see who is outstanding for certification. Certification Chair Sekou noted for the record that

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names of the candidates for certification are not stated in open meeting. STT/STJ AFT Union President Leontyne Jones asked if they can get the names of the new/recertified teachers. Chair Callwood was asked to send a letter of congratulations to all who achieved their Early Childhood Certification in accordance with Act 8270.

V. Adjournment

MOTION: Member Joseph made the motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Vice-Chair Perez-Cassius

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Submitted By:



Shawna K. Richards, PMP
Secretary