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**Virgin Islands Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2023**

I. Call to Order

The special meeting of the 21st Virgin Islands Board of Education was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chair Kyza Callwood.

II. Roll Call

IED Bess called the roll. The following were present: Kyza Callwood, Winona Hendricks, Arah C. Lockhart, Nandi Sekou and Terrence Joseph. Members Judy Gomez, Shawna K. Richards and Emmanuella Perez-Cassius were absent.

Staff Members Present: Interim Executive Director Sandra Bess and AED S. Prentice
Stenographer: Diane Andrews

III. Approval of the St. Croix Certification Listing

MOTION: Chair Callwood moved to accept the listing as presented.

SECOND: Mbr. Joseph

Voting was as follows:

Yea (5) – K. Callwood, A. Lockhart, T. Joseph, N. Sekou and W. Hendricks

Absent (3) – J. Gomez, S. Richards and E. Perez-Cassius

The motion carried.

IV. Approval of the St. Thomas-St. John Certification Listing

MOTION: Mbr. Hendricks moved to accept the listing as presented.

SECOND: Mbr. Joseph

Voting was as follows:

Yea (5) – K. Callwood, A. Lockhart, T. Joseph, N. Sekou and W. Hendricks

Absent (3) – J. Gomez, S. Richards and E. Perez-Cassius

The motion carried.

V. Adjournment

MOTION: Chair Callwood moved to adjourn.

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SECOND: Mbr. Joseph

Mbr. Lockhart recognized the STTJ AFT President Leontyne Jones and Daily News Reporter Kit McAvoy as present.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Submitted By:



Shawna K. Richards, PMP
Secretary

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