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Virgin Islands Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2021

The first regular meeting of the 20th Virgin Islands Board of Education was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Pro-Tem, Member Winona Hendricks.

Roll call was taken. The following were present:
Member Angel L. Bolques, Jr.
Member Kyza A. Callwood
Member Judy M. Gomez
Member Winona Hendricks
Member Terrence T. Joseph
Member Emmanuella M. Perez-Cassius
Member Shawna K. Richards
Member Jeanette Smith-Barry

Member Nandi Sekou was initially recorded as absent. The record was updated to reflect her attendance upon her arrival. Member Sekou was delayed due to traffic. Also present were Assistant Executive Director, Emmett E. Hansen, II, Business and Finance Director, Alcenta DeWindt, Atty. Jennifer Jones, VIBE Employees Dairdre Petersen-Heath and Marva Austrie and the stenographer, Ms. Andrews.

Members participated in an icebreaker activity "Standing in Someone's Shoes" led by Member Callwood.

Member Hendricks opened the floor to elections, which would be done by ballot. Nominees would be allowed to give a 3-minute introduction speech. The ballots would be collected in each district by Mr. Hansen and Ms. DeWindt.

For Chair, Member Joseph nominated Member Smith-Barry. Member Callwood nominated himself. Each candidate gave an introductory speech. Votes were as follows:

Callwood 4
Smith-Barry 5

For Vice Chair, Member Smith-Barry nominated Member Joseph. Member Gomez nominated Member Callwood. The question was asked of Atty. Jones whether the previously nominated members would need to give a new speech. Atty. Jones indicated it was the preference of the candidate. Member Joseph gave an introductory speech. Votes were as follows:

Callwood	**6**
Joseph	3

Upon the announcement of Member Callwood as the new Vice-Chair, Member Smith-Barry declined the position of Chair. This action reopened the nominations for Chair. Member Joseph nominated himself. Member Gomez nominated Member Callwood. Votes were as follows:

Callwood	**6**
Joseph	3

Member Callwood vacated the position of Vice-Chair to accept the Chair. This action reopened nominations for Vice-Chair.

For Vice Chair, Member Callwood nominated Member Hendricks. Member Smith-Barry nominated Member Joseph. Member Perez-Cassius nominated herself. Member Hendricks and Member Perez-Cassius made introduction speeches. Voting was as follows:

Hendricks	3
Joseph	3
Perez-Cassius	3

With a tie vote, the voting proceeded to a second round. Atty. Jones stated the voting must continue until there is a majority vote.

ROUND 2

Hendricks	3
Joseph	3
Perez-Cassius	3

With a tie vote, the voting proceeded to a third round.

ROUND 3

Hendricks	3
Joseph	3
Perez-Cassius	3

Member Perez-Cassius withdrew from contention for Vice-Chair. Voting proceeded to a fourth round.

ROUND 4

Hendricks 4
Joseph 4

There was a tie vote, with one not voting. At this point, Member Gomez made a motion, seconded Member Bolques to proceed with nominations for Secretary. Member Gomez nominated Member Perez-Cassius, who declined. Member Smith-Barry nominated Member Richards. Member Richards gave an introduction speech. There being no other nomination for Secretary, a vote was not necessary. Member Richards was approved by acclamation.

A fifth round of voting was held for the Vice-Chair position. Voting was as follows:

Hendricks 5
Joseph 4

Member Hendricks introduced the newly elected officers. At this time, Chair Callwood assumed leadership of the meeting. Member Sekou was granted a point of information and commented on the importance of following the VI Code, specifically that the organization of the Board should have followed the swearing in.

Member Bolques requested a point of information and noted his concern about the Board meeting on weekends and ability to sustain overtime. Chair Callwood responded that employees do not receive overtime but are awarded compensatory (comp) time.

Chair Callwood said members should meet before the end of the month. Member Perez-Cassius said that the matters before the Board are urgent and the Board should meet within 7 days. She made a motion for the 20th Board to meet on January 16, 2021 to set the committees and proceed with the business of the Board. The motion was seconded by Member Hendricks. There was an objection by Member Gomez, who said the Executive Committee meets first to decide the committee appointments. Voting on the motion was as follows: 7 Yea 1 Nay 1 Not Voting. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Bolques to have financial reports available to the members before the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Richards. Member Gomez made a motion to amend Member Bolques' motion to require a presentation of the financial report to the next meeting. The motion was seconded

by Member Perez-Cassius. An objection made by Member Gomez was withdrawn. The motion was so ordered.

Member Bolques made a motion to amend his original motion by requiring the last and current fiscal years. The motion was seconded by Member Gomez. There were no objections and the motion was so ordered.

There were no objections to the motion, as amended, and the motion was so ordered. The Chair stated that Ms. DeWindt will make the financial presentation at the next meeting.

There was no further business. Member Joseph made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Member Hendricks. Before the vote was taken, Member Smith-Barry was granted a point of personal privilege. She reaffirmed her commitment to the Board. Member Gomez stated that all members should be given a point of privilege and spoke about committee assignments. Chair Callwood asked members to indicate their committee interests by email. Member Bolques asked if the 20th Board would need to adopt the bylaws.

Member Perez-Cassius asked the leadership team to consider setting a date for orientation. Member Gomez noted that it was the first meeting held without an orientation.

A motion was made by Member Joseph to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Hendricks. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Submitted by:

Shawna K. Richards, PMP
Secretary

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Motion # 1

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Member Angel L. Bolques, Jr.	Y___	N___	A___	NV ✓
Member Kyza A. Callwood, MPA	Y ✓	N___	A___	NV___
Member Judy M. Gomez, Esq.	Y ✓	N___	A___	NV___
Member Winona A. Hendricks	Y ✓	N___	A___	NV___
Member Terrence T. Joseph	Y ✓	N___	A___	NV___
Member Emmanuella M. Perez-Cassius	Y ✓	N___	A___	NV___
Member Shawna K. Richards	Y ✓	N___	A___	NV___
Member Nandi Sekou, Esq.	Y___	N ✓	A___	NV___
Member Jeanette Smith-Barry	Y ✓	N___	A___	NV___

Total Y: 7 Total N: 1 Total A: _____ Total NV: 1

MOTION

Date: 1-9-2021

Moved On: _____

Body of Motion:
the 20th Board meet on Jan. 16 to set Committees and proceed with the business of the Board.

Motion Made by: E. Perez. Cassius

Seconded by: W. Hendricks

Motion Carried: ✓ Motion Failed: _____ So Ordered: _____

Date: 1-9-2

objection Gomez Exec. Committee meets first. decides committe

Form Key

Y=Yea N=Nay A=Absent NV= Not Voting or Abstain