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**Virgin Islands Board of Education  
Special Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2022**

**I. Call to Order**

The special meeting of the 20th Virgin Islands Board of Education was called to order by Chair Kyza Callwood at 2:19 p.m. Chair Callwood said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss financial aid matters.

**II. Roll Call**

The following were present: Kyza Callwood, Winona Hendricks, Shawna K. Richards, Jeanette Smith-Barry, Judy Gomez, Terrence Joseph and Nandi Sekou. Member Emmanuella Perez-Cassius was absent. Member Angel Bolques, Jr. joined after roll call.

Staff Members Present: Executive Director Stephanie Berry, Ms. Marva Austrie and Ms. Sylvanie Rhymer

Stenographer: Diane Andrews

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Member Joseph moved for the Board to go into Executive Session.  
**SECOND:** Vice-Chair Hendricks

The Board went into Executive Session at 2:22 p.m. to discuss financial aid matters.

The Board returned to regular session at 5:30 p.m.

Chair Callwood summarized the Executive Session and stated that the Board reviewed the financial aid listing, approved applicant requests, made selections for legislative grants and extended certain scholarships.

Member Richards expressed her disappointment that her motion for the Board to do away with the practice of discretionary funds for distribution by each member failed. She said she wanted the record to reflect that the Board continues a practice that is not prudent and that could not withstand an audit. Member Richards said she will continue to make the motion in the hopes of ending the practice.

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Member Joseph moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Chair Callwood

So ordered. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Submitted By:



Shawna K. Richards, PMP  
Secretary

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