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Virgin Islands Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2021

I. Call to Order

The special meeting of the 20th Virgin Islands Board of Education was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chair Kyza Callwood.

II. Roll Call

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

Staff Members Present: Executive Director Stephanie Berry and AED Emmett Hansen.

Stenographer: Ms. Porter

III. Approval of Candidate Listings for Professional Staff Certification

Certification Chair Smith-Barry reviewed the candidates for certification for both districts.

MOTION: Member Smith-Barry moved to approve the candidates for certification in the St. Thomas-St. John district.

SECOND: Member Gomez

So ordered.

MOTION: Member Smith-Barry moved to approve the candidates for certification in the St. Croix district.

SECOND: Member Gomez

So ordered.

IV. Discussion of Status of School Management Accountability Report

SPF Chair Perez-Cassius reviewed the draft and discussed items and information that had been requested from the VIDE, but had not yet been received. Members discussed their corrections, as well as items they expected to be addressed in the report. Vice-Chair Hendricks commended Member Perez-Cassius for her efforts. Member Perez-

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Cassius will work with the ED and AED to address format, content and structural issues for the report, which is still in draft form.

MOTION: Member Gomez moved to approve the report with edits as discussed, and allow for the Chair and ED to make improvements.

SECOND: Chair Callwood and Vice-Chair Hendricks

Objection: Member Smith-Barry said the Board should not approve the report without seeing the corrections.

Voting was as follows:

Yea (6) – K. Callwood W. Hendricks, J. Gomez, T. Joseph, E. Perez-Cassius and N. Sekou.

Nay (2) – S. Richards and J. Smith-Barry

Absent (1) – A. Bolques, Jr.

The motion carried.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Executive Session

There was no executive session.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: Member Joseph moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Member Hendricks

So ordered. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Submitted By:



Shawna K. Richards, PMP
Secretary

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