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**EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, September 01, 2021

1:00 p.m. via MS Teams

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

The emergency meeting of the 20th Virgin Islands Board of Education was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Kyza Callwood.

**2. Roll Call**

Board members present:

Kyza A. Callwood, MPA, Chairman  
Winona A. Hendricks, Vice-Chairman  
Judy M. Gomez, Esquire  
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Stenographer: Diane Andrews

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Virgin Islands Board of Education is to provide leadership and oversight, set policy and advocate for continuous improvement of the Public Education System of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

**VISION STATEMENT**


Each child is provided with the best quality education which guarantees academic excellence, promotes our history and culture, and builds strong local and global communities.

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**3. Discussion with the Virgin Islands Department of Education regarding the reopening of public schools**

There was no action taken by the board at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:42 p.m.

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