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VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

The Virgin Islands Board of Education convened its Bi-Annual New Member Orientation and Professional Development Workshops January 19-21, 2017 at Sugar Bay Resort & Spa for the members and staff of the 18th Virgin Islands Board of Education. During the Orientation and Professional Development Workshops board members and staff of the Virgin Islands Board of Education were actively engaged in customer service, conflict resolution, sexual harassment, self-assessment and strategic planning seminars and workshops. Board members also worked on revising the Board's 4-Year Strategic Plan.

After the orientation and professional development sessions the Virgin Islands Board of Education convened a board meeting and the members of the 18th Virgin Islands Board of Education selected and installed new officers and conducted other necessary business after engaging in a nominating and selection process. The new officers of the 18th Board of Education are:

Winona A. Hendricks, Chair;
Arah C. Lockhart, Vice-Chair; and
Judy M. Gomez, Secretary.

During its board meeting the 18th Virgin Islands Board of Education received a bequest in the amount of \$450,000 from the Estate of Rehenia A. Gabriel to fund scholarships from Edwin Hatchette and Attorney Karl Percell. The Rehenia A. Gabriel Scholarship will provide scholarships for students pursuing higher education in the fields of guidance counseling, school social work or psychology.

Finally, Board Chair Hendricks advises that newly-elected Board Member James Provost has been designated by the Executive Committee of the Virgin Islands Board of Education as the Board's Liaison for St. John residents. For more information, please contact our offices.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Virgin Islands Board of Education is committed to its vision and will promote the transformation of the structure of existing public education through: 1. governance over the public education system; 2. improved student, parent, teacher relationship; 3. comprehensive community engagement; 4. standards that promote high academic achievement; 5. creation of an environment that is conducive to effective communication; 6. enhanced quality of professional development for all; 7. provision of adequate resources to achieve our vision, goals and objectives.

VISION STATEMENT

To ensure that each child is provided with the best quality education which promotes our history and culture, guarantees academic achievement and builds strong communities.