

Virgin Islands State Workforce Development Board Meeting

Date: 11/8/2023	BOARD MINUTES: Meeting 10:07 AM
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Location: Via Zoom

	MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
1	Brendan Anzalone			X
2	Mario Austin		X	
3	Wayne Biggs			X
4	Oriel Blake	X		
5	Ricky Brown			X
6	Michael Carty			X
7	Averil E. George, Commissioner, DHS	X		
8	Peter Chapman	X		
9	Asiah Clendinen Gumbs	X		
10	Dr. Monique Faulkner	X		
11	Michael Hand		X	
12	Leon Hughes	X		
13	Javan James, Senator, 35 th Legislature		X	
14	Sana Joseph-Smith	X		
15	Natalie Knight	X		
16	Shirley Lake-King	X		
17	Flamon Lewis		X	
18	Dr. Suzanne Magras	X		
19	Gary Molloy, Commissioner, VIDOL			X
20	Keith O'Neale, Jr.		X	
21	Sheryl Parris		X	
22	Samuel Rey		X	
23	Tracey Sanders			X
24	Moleto Smith	X		
25	Nancy Torres		X	
26	Kimberly Washington			X
27	Dion Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, DOE		X	
	ATTENDEES			
1	Sonia Boyce, Executive Director, VISWDB			
2	Mike Fazio, President, Workforce 180, Amanda Wagner			
3	Equus Workforce Solutions, One Stop Operator, David Genero, Khalid Al-Arefi, and Laurie Christian			
4	Honorable Marise James, Esq., Chair, 35th Legislature's Committee on Educ. & Workforce Dev.			

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order, Acting Chairman Leon Hughes, Chairperson, Strategic Planning Committee

In the absence of the chairperson, any chairperson of a standing committee may be called upon as acting chairperson.

A quorum was not met.

- 11 Present
- 9 Absent
- 7 Excused

Welcome & Introductions, Acting Chairman Leon Hughes, Chairperson, Strategic Planning Committee

Approval of minutes: July 12, 2023

No quorum was met to approve the minutes. The Acting Chair approved the request of the ED to poll the members regarding their vote on the minutes.

Voting Results:

- 14 Yes
- 1 Abstain
- 1 Not Voting
- 11 Did Not Respond

Approval of minutes: Board Budget

No quorum was met to approve the minutes. The Acting Chair approved the request of the ED to poll the members regarding their vote on the Budget.

Voting Results:

- 15 Yes
- 1 Not Voting
- 11 Did Not Respond

Chairman's Report: Acting Chair Leon Hughes

Action Item 1.

Continued Service Provider – Renewal

1. Raphael O. Wheatley Skill Center (New Program)
2. St. Croix Career and Technical Education Center (New Programs)
3. M1 Enterprises USVI, LLC (Renewal Application)

New Service Provider Applications:

1. Cane Bay Films, LLC
2. Goldstar Premium Properties, LLC

There was no quorum to approve service providers. A general discussion was held. All service providers presented their application to the Board. Board members were able to question each service provider about their program. The Acting Chair approved the request of the ED to poll the members regarding their vote on the service providers.

Voting Results:

1. *Raphael O. Wheatley Skill Center (New Program)*
 - 15 Yes
 - 1 Abstain
 - 11 Did Not Respond
2. *St. Croix Career and Technical Education Center (New Programs)*
 - 15 Yes
 - 1 Abstain
 - 11 Did Not Respond

New Service Provider Applications:

1. Cane Bay Films, LLC
 - 16 Yes
 - 11 Did Not Respond
2. Goldstar Premium Properties, LLC
 - 16 Yes
 - 11 Did Not Respond

A separate meeting was called by the Chairman of the Board on December 14, 2023, to discuss M1 Enterprises USVI, LLC renewal application.

Voting Results:

- 15 Yes (Approve with a Corrective Action Plan (CAP))
- 3 No
- 1 Abstain
- 9 Did Not Respond

M1 Enterprises USVI, LLC was informed in writing about the CAP. They chose to move forward with the CAP. The Board provided the CAP to M1 Enterprises with a response date of Thursday, March 15, 2024.

Adjournment at 12:47 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonia Boyce
Executive Director