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9AM - 1:30 PM

GOVERNOR'S

WORKFORCE
SUMMIT 2025

FUTURE PROOFING THE USVI WORKFORCE.

TRAINING, TECHNOLOGY & TRANSFORMATION

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Registration

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Greetings : *Honorable Tregenza A. Roach, Esq., Lieutenant Governor, United States Virgin Islands*

Remarks: *Honorable Albert Bryan, Jr., Governor, United States Virgin Islands*



10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

SESSION ONE

GREENING THE ECONOMY: SUSTAINABLE CAREERS IN ECO-TOURISM AND CONSERVATION

The Virgin Islands’ beauty is its power and protecting it is a career path. This session explores how eco-tourism, conservation, and environmental stewardship are opening doors to sustainable jobs that honor nature, culture, and community. Learn how to pursue meaningful, green careers that help preserve paradise for future generations.

Moderator: *Kelly McKinney, Executive Director, Island Green Living*

Panelists: *Tonia Lovejoy, Executive Director, Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park*

Monica Miller-Smith, Executive Director, Coral Bay Community Council

Dr. Hadiya Sewer, Founder, The Ouroboros House

Gabriela Moreno, Director Environment, Aecon Group Inc.

11:45 AM - 12:45PM

SESSION TWO

WORKFORCE RESILIENCE: HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND THE REMOTE ECONOMY

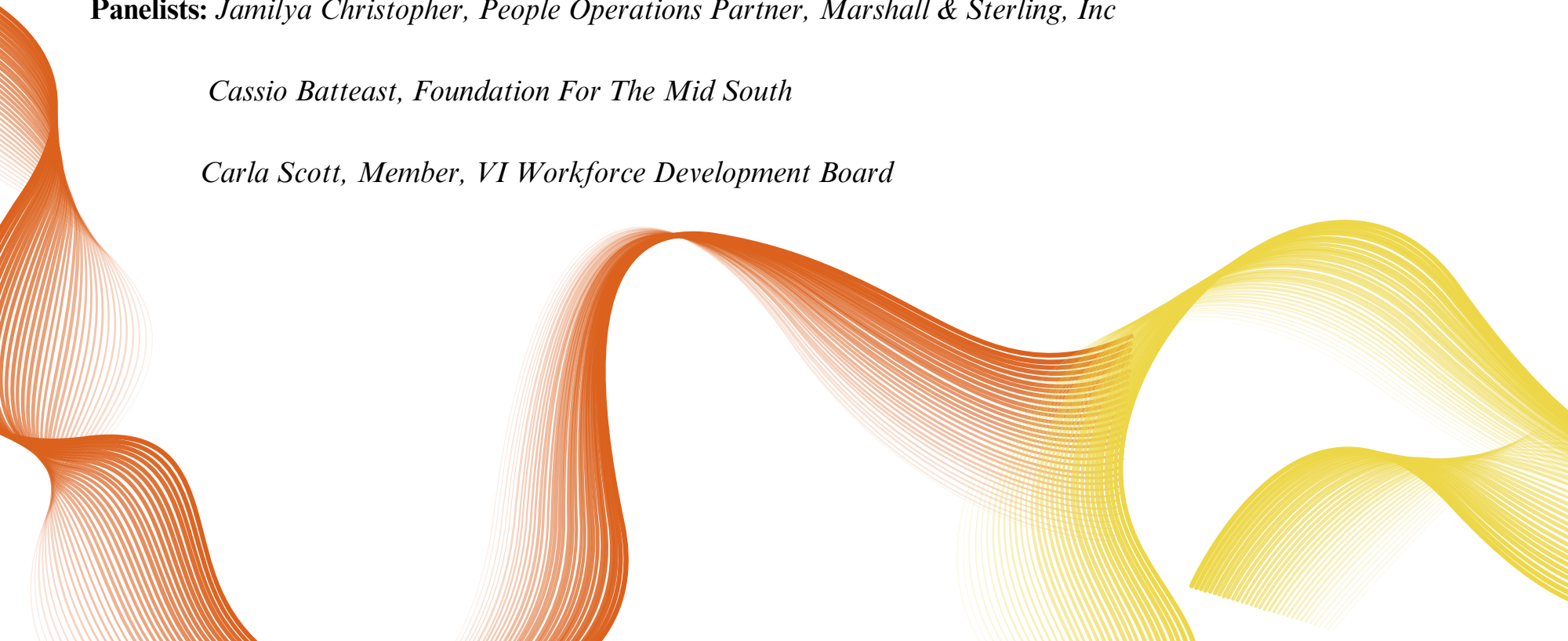
In an era of remote work and nonstop change, well-being is key to workforce strength. This session explores how health, mental wellness and self-care support productivity and how they can be built into job training, work culture, and career design. Learn how wellness can not only improve your performance but also open new professional doors.

Moderator: *Taetia Dorsette, Assistant Commissioner, VI Dept. of Human Services*

Panelists: *Jamilya Christopher, People Operations Partner, Marshall & Sterling, Inc*

Cassio Batteast, Foundation For The Mid South

Carla Scott, Member, VI Workforce Development Board





12:45 PM – 1:30 PM

SESSION THREE

TRANSFORMING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES: THE FUTURE OF WORK IN THE USVI

What if every challenge facing the Virgin Islands workforce was actually an invitation to innovate? This inspiring session explores bold ideas, future-forward strategies, and local success stories that demonstrate how the territory can overcome obstacles and shape a stronger, more resilient workforce for generations to come.

Moderator: : *Michael Carty, Chairman, VI Workforce Development Board*

Panelists: *Kendra C. Roach, PhD, Co-Founder & Principal Consultant, The Leader's Branch, Inc.*

Steve Lowe, CFP, Founder, EstateShield VI, LLC

1:30 PM - 1:40 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Sonia Boyce, Executive Director, VI Workforce Development Board

Sana Joseph-Smith, Governor's Policy Advisor on Workforce Development & Education

1:40 PM

LUNCH