SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 6, 2013

UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
ADMINISTRATION AND CONFERENCE CENTER
3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
BY TELECONFERENCE
ST. THOMAS CAMPUS
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION

MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr. Joshua Edwards, Student Trustee
Mrs. Carol Fulp (by telephone)
Mr. Alexander A. Moorhead, Chair (by telephone)
Mrs. Jennifer Nugent-Hill (by telephone)
Mr. Oswin Sewer, Sr., Chair, Board of Education (by telephone)
Attorney Henry C. Smock, Vice Chair (by telephone)
Ms. Jacqueline A. Sprauve, Alumni Trustee (by telephone)
Ms. Patricia D. Steele (by telephone)
Mr. Edward Thomas
Dr. Yvonne E.L. Thraen
Dr. Teresa Turner, Faculty Trustee
Mr. Sinclair L. Wilkinson
Rev. Wesley S. Williams, Jr. (by telephone)

MEMBERS ABSENT
Ms. Donna Frett-Gregory, Acting Commissioner of Education (excused)
Dr. David Hall, President (excused)
Mrs. Gwenolyn Adams Norton (excused)
Mrs. Luz Suarez de Highfield (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT
Attorney Marie ThomasGriffith, UVI Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER
A quorum being present, the Chair, Mr. Alexander Moorhead, called the Regular Session of the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS ON REASON FOR CALLING SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Chairman Moorhead stated that the legality of the Board’s meeting on November 11th as a continuation of the meeting in Executive Session begun on October 26th, and of the report by the Chair in Regular Session on November 11th on the actions taken in Executive Session on those dates, had been questioned because there was no public notice of the continuation on November 11th.

After consulting with the legal counsel of the University, the Chair of the Board concluded that the continuation on November 11th of the meeting of the Board, which began on October 26th, complied with the provisions of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (a.k.a. “the Sunshine Act”).

Notwithstanding that conclusion, in an abundance of caution in order to dispel any doubt on the validity of the actions taken by the Board in Executive Session on October 26th and November 11th, he called a special meeting of the Board to ratify and affirm the actions taken in Executive Session on those dates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made by Trustee Nugent- Hill, which was seconded by Trustee Henry Smock to move into Executive Session to address matters that could be reasonably expected to result in the disclosure of information of a personal nature wherein public disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, or premature disclosure that would seriously frustrate implementation of the proposed action, and in order for the Board to obtain legal advice on legal matters.

The vote on the motion was unanimous by the members present at the meeting. The Executive Session convened at 3:12 pm.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION
Upon return to the Regular Session of the Meeting at 3:40 pm, the Chair reported that during the Executive Session, the Board of Trustees considered two resolutions; one to ratify and affirm actions taken in Executive Session on October 26, 2013 and the other to ratify and affirm actions taken in Executive Session on November 11, 2013. The two resolutions were considered in a block vote and they carried by a vote of 12 yes, 1 abstention and 4 persons were absent. He noted that copies of the resolutions would be made available for the media’s information.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Williams, which was seconded by Trustee Fulp, to adjourn the meeting. The vote on the motion was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Minutes recorded by Gail T. Steele, Board Liaison
Approved by the Board of Trustees – January 13, 2014