

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DECEMBER 6, 2013**

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
ADMINISTRATION AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
3<sup>RD</sup> 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. Gwendolyn 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 11<sup>th</sup> as a continuation of the meeting in Executive Session begun on October 26<sup>th</sup>, and of the report by the Chair in Regular Session on November 11<sup>th</sup> on the actions taken in Executive Session on those dates, had been questioned because there was no public notice of the continuation on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

After consulting with the legal counsel of the University, the Chair of the Board concluded that the continuation on November 11<sup>th</sup> of the meeting of the Board, which began on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.