The Committee on Education and Workforce Development has scheduled a hearing for Friday, February 12, 2021, in the Frits Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix.

The committee will receive testimony on the status of the readiness of schools, expenditure of the Cares Act funds, support, and resources for students’ who have fallen behind, as well as the exact start date for schools. Also, the committee will receive testimony on the use of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act Fund.

Invited Testifiers:

**Racquel Berry Benjamin** Commissioner  
Virgin Islands Department of Education

**Kyza A. Callwood**, Chairman  
Virgin Board of Education

**Jean-Pierre L. Oriol** Commissioner  
Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources

**Justa E. Encarnacion** Health Commissioner  
Virgin Islands Department of Health
The committee will receive testimony on the various education stakeholders, as it pertains to workforce development and overall youth development.

Invited Testifiers:

- **Dr. David Hall, President**
  University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees

- **Michael Carty, Chairman**
  Workforce Development Board

- **Dr. Anastasie Jackson, Ph.D., Vice-Chair**
  Career & Technical Education Board

- **Rosa Soto-Thomas, President**
  St. Croix American Federation of Teachers

- **Carol A. Callwood, President**
  St. Thomas-St. John American Federation of Teachers

- **Yvette Browne, President**
  USVI-National Parent, Student and Teacher Association (PTSA)

- **Vanessa Peifer, Director**
  Youth with a Mission

- **Cie Lloyd, Director**
  Mon Bijou Youth Center

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