



31st Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Official AGENDA

- Tuesday,** September 20, 2016
- Time:** 10:00 A.M.
- Committee:** Legislative Session
- Location:** Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- Call to Order:** Honorable Senate President Neville A. James
- Invocation:** Pastor, Oral Hazel, Global Life Church
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- Anthems:** National and Virgin Islands Anthems
- Roll Call:** Senator Myron D. Jackson Legislative Secretary
- Senate Pages:** Ms. Kevola Martin and Mr. Hugo Hodge III
Charlotte Amalie High School
- Committee Reports:** Chairpersons of Committees

CONSIDERAION OF FLOOR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION;

Nominee: Mr. Jomo Meade, Esq.

Judge

Superior Court of the Virgin Islands (District of St. Croix)

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Bill No. 31-0449 – A Resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the town of Cruz Bay

Bill No. 31-0450 – A Resolution in observance of the 50th anniversary of the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee and honoring the founding members of the organization

CONSIDERATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT:

Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority, Remainder Matr. 24C Estate Recovery Hill, Company Quarter, Christiansted, St. Croix

CONSIDERATION OF ZONINGS:

Bill No. 31-00394 – An Act granting a zoning variance for Plot No. 115-A Estate Green Cay, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, to allow for a Veterinary Medical Clinic

BR# 16-1469 - Petition of Evolve USVI, LLC to amend **Official Zoning Map No. SCZ-18** from **W-1(Waterfront-Pleasure)** to **R-3 (Residential –Medium Density)**, for **Plot Nos. 39 & 40-B Strand Street, Frederiksted Town, St. Croix.**

BR# 16-1461 - Petition of **George Lake Sr. and George Lake Jr** to amend **Official Zoning Mapp No. SCZ-6** from **A-2 (Agriculture Zone)** to **C (Commercial)**, for **Parcel No. 253 Estate Glynn, Kings Quarter, St. Croix**

CONSIDERATION OF COASTAL ZONE MANAGMENT PERMITS:

Major Coastal Zone Management Permit No. CZT-9-14 (W); Permittee, Diamond Rock Frenchman's Owner, Inc.

Major Coastal Zone Management Permit No. CZT-05-12 (W); Permittee, Secret Harbour Beach Resort

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS:

Bill No. 31-0388 - An Act amending Title 3, Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 9, Section 332 (b) relating the salary of the director of the Office of Film Promotion to remove the maximum salary limit

Bill No. 31-0401 – An Act amending Title 32, Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 21, Section 518 relating to use of moneys from the Casino Control Revenue Fund to change the name of the recipient from the Jobs for Virgin Islands Graduates to Jobs for American Graduates

Bill No. 31-0256 – An Act amending title 30, Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 1, Subchapter I, Section 9a relating to the interest rate paid by the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“VIWAPA”) on customer deposits, requiring that the VIWAPA pay interest on customer deposit at a rate equal to the average prevailing interest rate paid by banks

Bill No. 31-0334 - An Act amending Title 1 Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 7 adding Section 103b relating to senior citizens to establish the Centennial Living Treasures Award Program

Bill No. 31-0349 - An Act amending Title 34 Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 1, Section 28 relating to the Food Stamp Program, eliminating the ban on receiving food assistance under the Federal Food Stamp Act of 1977 against persons who have been convicted of a drug related felony

Bill No. 31-0372 - An Act temporarily raising the mandatory retirement age for police officers, firefighters and prison guards

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Bill No. 31-0329 - An Act amending Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 18, Section 302 to require that the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation submit to the Legislature a listing of all vendor spaces

Bill No. 31-0366 - An Act amending Title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part III, Chapter 31, Section 722 relating to "Emergency Commitment" of individuals with mental disorders, or are intoxicated or drug dependent

Bill No. 31-0367 - An Act amending Title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part III, Chapter 31, Section 723 as it relates to "Involuntary Commitment" of individuals who have mental disorders, or are intoxicated or drug dependent

Bill No. 31-0376 - An Act appropriating \$32,647 to the Department of Human Services for the Mechanic and Farming Programs at the St. Croix Youth Rehabilitation Center

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Bill No. 31-0314 -An act establishing an identification system for high-performing, low income students, a gifted program and an accountability system for the performance and growth of all students the high achieving and low income students in all public schools in the United States Virgin Islands territory

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET BILLS:

Bill No. 31-0403 - An Act making appropriations for the operation of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017

Bill No. 31-0417 - To provide appropriations from the Internal Revenue Matching Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017

Bill No. 31-0404 - To appropriate monies from the Anti-litter and Beautification Fund to the Waste Management Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 ([Close Rule](#))

Bill No. 31-0405 - An Act providing appropriation for operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 2017 ([Close Rule](#))

Bill No. 31-0406 - To provide an appropriation for operating expenses of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0407 - To provide an appropriation for operating expenses of the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0408 - To provide an appropriation from the Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund for fiscal year October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0409 - To appropriate the sum of \$1,185,413 from the Community Facilities Trust Fund to the General Fund to pay the allocable debt service payable on debt issued to finance the Paul E. Joseph stadium project for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0410 - To appropriate monies for salaries and expenses of the Election System of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0411 - To appropriate funds from the Government Insurance fund for operating expenses of the Department of Finance and the Department of Labor for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0412 - To provide for the lump sum appropriation from the Health Revolving Fund for fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0413 - An Act providing appropriations for operating expenses of the Hospital and Health Facilities Corporation from the general fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0414 - To provide for the lump sum appropriation from the Indirect Cost Fund for salaries, operating expenses and for other purposes, of the Office of Management and Budget, the division of Personnel, the Department of Property and Procurement and the Department of Finance for the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0415 - To appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 from the Interest Earned on Debt Services Reserves as a contribution to the General Fund [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0416 - To appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 from the Interest Revenue Fund as a contribution to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0418 - To appropriate funds to the Public Services Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 for operating expenses [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0419 - To appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 from the Internal Revenue Matching Fund as a contribution to the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0420 - To provide an appropriation for operating expenses of the Department of Public Works and the Waste Management Authority from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0421 - To provide an appropriation for operating expenses of the Waste Management Authority from the Sewage System Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0422 - To appropriate the sum of \$4,500,000 from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund as a contribution to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0423 - To provide for an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving fund to the office of the governor, Virgin Islands Police Department, the Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Agency and the Department of Tourism during the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0424 - To appropriate the sum of \$15,800,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund as a contribution to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0425 - To provide for the operating expenses of the Public Employees Relations Board and the Labor Management Committee for fiscal year October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0426 - To appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 from the Union Arbitration Award fund as a contribution to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0427 - To appropriate monies for salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 and for other purposes [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0428 - An Act providing appropriation for operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0429 - An Act providing appropriation for operating expenses of the Virgin Islands office of the Inspector General from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0430 - To appropriate funds to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 for operating expenses [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0431 - To appropriate the sum of \$22,850,000 from the General Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 [\(Close Rule\)](#)

Bill No. 31-0439 - An act providing appropriations for operating expenses of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands, the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, the Judicial Council and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender

Bill No. 31-0438 - an Act appropriating funds for the operating expenses and capital projects for the Legislature of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017([Close Rule](#))

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Committee: Committee of the Whole Hearing

**Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands**

Agenda

The **Thirty-First Legislature** will convene in **Committee of the Whole** to receive testimony on the **Government Employees Renewal of Group Health, Life Insurance and Dental Insurance policies with CIGNA, Aetna and United Healthcare**

Government Employees Service Commission:

Ms. Beverly Joseph
Chairperson
Government Employees Services
Commission

Ms. Clemmie Moses
Vice Chair
Government Employees Services
Commission

Ms. Kimberly Salisbury:
Assistant Attorney General
Legal Counsel, VI Department of Justice

Division of Personnel:

Mr. Milton Potter
Director of Personnel

Ms. Maureen Venzen
Chief Group Health Insurance

United HealthCare:
Kerry A. Phillips-Searles

Aetna:
Natalie Gonder Jones

CIGNA:
Mr. D.A. Callahan, Sr.,
Client Manager

In addition, the 31st Legislature will also receive testimony on Bill No. 31-0447- 2016 Capital Projects Budget Bill

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Valdamier O. Collens
Commissioner
Department of Finance

Mr. Nellon Bowry
Director
Office of Management and Budget

Mr. Marvin L. Pickering
Director
Internal Revenue Bureau

Mr. Ira Mills
Tax Assessor
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Mr. Delbert Hewitt
Chief of Staff
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Mr. Milton Potter
Director
Department of Personnel

Ms. Natalie Nelson, Esq.
Director
Office of Collective Bargaining

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Committee: Legislative Session

**Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands**

The Thirty-First Legislature will continue in Legislative Session
