



# 31<sup>st</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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## SENATE CALENDAR

### Revised I

**Monday, February 23, 2015**

**Time: 10:00 A.M.**

**Committee: Economic Development, Agriculture & Planning**

*Chairperson: Sen. Janette Millin Young Vice-Chairperson: Sen. Novelle E. Francis, Jr.,*

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

### **Agenda**

**The Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture & Planning** has scheduled a meeting to discuss the following:

**Bill No. 31-0009** – An Act repealing and re-enacting with amendments, Title 29 Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 12 Subchapter III relating to sustainable tourism through art-based revenue stream production.

### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Beverly Nicholson-Doty**  
Commissioner  
Department of Tourism

**Mr. Devin Carrington, Esq.**  
Nominee  
Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

**Mr. Marvin Pickering**  
Nominee  
Bureau of Internal Revenue

**Mr. Percival Clouden**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Economic Development Authority

**David Bornn, Esq.**  
The Bornn Firm  
P.L.L.C.

**Ms. Erika A. Kellerhals, Esq.**  
Kellerhals Ferguson Kroblin P.L.L.C

**Mr. Joe Bessacini**  
Vice President  
Film & TV Production Incentives

**Mr. Peter Trimarco**  
Association of Film Commissioners Intl.

**Mr. Laurent “Tippy” Alfred**

**Mr. Joseph Chianese**

President  
I Grade Records LLC.

**Ms. Marjorie Smith**  
Island Magic

**Mr. Eric Matthews**  
President  
Carifest Corporation

Executive Vice President  
EP Financial Solutions

**Ms. Gail Glanville**  
Founder  
Sunbow Location Services

**Mr. Todd Hecht**  
Owner Film V.I.

The Committee will also receive an update on the new revised Zoning and Subdivision Codes as submitted by the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Recourses.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Jean-Pierre Oriol**  
Nominee  
Department of Planning & Natural Resources

**Mr. Nick Van Assche**  
President  
St. Thomas-St. John, Board of Realtors

**Mr. Sebastaino Paiewonsky Cassinelli**  
President  
St. Thomas, Chamber of Commerce

**Mr. Mark Eckard**  
President  
St. Croix, Chambers of Commerce

**Ms. Patrice Kelly**  
President  
St. Croix, Board of Realtors

**Mr. Felipe Ayala**  
Chairman  
Historic Preservation Committee

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**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

**Time: 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**Committee: Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services**

***Chairperson: Sen. Kurt A. Vialet Vice Chairperson: Sen. Justin Harrigan, Sr.***

**Location: Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room  
St. Croix, Virgin Islands**

**Agenda**

**The Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services** has scheduled a meeting to receive testimony on the current standing of the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center and the Roy Lester Schneider Regional Medical Center.

**10:00 A.M. Roy Lester Schneider Regional Medical Center**

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Dr. Bernard Wheatley, DBA**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Roy L. Schneider Regional Medical Center

**Mr. Cornel Williams**  
Chairman of the Board  
Roy L. Schneider Regional Medical Center

**Mr. Charles Nickerson**  
Senior Vice President of Operations  
Roy L. Schneider Regional Medical Center

**1:00 P.M. Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center**

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Dr. Kendall M. Griffith, M.D.**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center

**Dr. Anthony Ricketts, M.D.**  
Chairman of the Board  
Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center

**Mr. Ken Okolo, Ph.D.**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center

**Dr. Ramesh B. Lakhram, M.D.**  
Staff Physician (C.O.S.) Staff Nephrology  
Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center

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**Wednesday, February 25, 2015**

**Time: 9:00 A.M.**

**Committee: Committee on Rules and Judiciary**

***Chairperson: Sen. Kenneth L. Gittens Vice Chairperson: Sen. Janette Millin Young***

**Location: Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room  
St. Croix, Virgin Islands**

**Agenda**

The **Committee on Rules and Judiciary** has scheduled a meeting to consider the Governor's nominees pursuant to Title 3, Section 64(a) of the Virgin Islands Code

**Nominees:**

**Mr. Devin Carrington**  
Nominee

**Mr. Marvin Pickering**  
Nominee

**Revised**

**Thursday, February 26, 2015**

**Time: 9:00 A.M.**

**Committee: Committee on Rules and Judiciary**

*Chairperson: Sen. Kenneth L. Gittens Vice Chairperson: Sen. Janette Millin Young*

**Location: Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room  
St. Croix, Virgin Islands**

**Agenda**

The **Committee on Rules and Judiciary** has scheduled a meeting to consider the Governors' nominees, pursuant to Title 3, Section 64(a) of the Virgin Islands Code

**Nominees:**

**Mr. Delroy Richards, Sr.**

Nominee

Virgin Islands Police Department

**Mr. Pedro Cruz**

Nominee

Department of Sports, Parks & Recreations

**Ms. Vivian Ebbesen-Fludd**

Nominee

Department of Human Services\*\*

**\*\* Vivian Ebbesen-Fludd has been rescheduled, date to be determined.**

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**Revised**

**Friday, February 27, 2015**

**Time: 6:00 P.M.**

**Committee: Committee of the Whole Zoning Hearing**

*President: Sen. Neville James Vice-President: Sen. Janette Millin Young*

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

## Agenda

The **Thirty First Legislature** will convene in a **Committee of the Whole Zoning Hearing** to receive testimony on the following amendments to various Official Zoning Maps in the St. Thomas/St. John District

1. **Ayman Samad (Authorized Agent-Roger Minkoff)** - To amend the **Official Zoning Map No. SZT-10** from **R-2 (Residential-Low Density One and Two Family)** to **B-3 (Business-Scattered)** for **Parcel No. 10A Estate Mariendahl, No. 4 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas**

**Purpose: To bring the property into zoning conformity. The hair salon and bar/restaurant would continue their operation**

2. **Junji Horii and Helen K, Kim** - Requesting that a use variance be granted to the **R-1 (Residential-Low Density)** to the zoned **Parcel No. 9M-1 Estate Nazareth, No. 1 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas**

**Purpose: To allow the operation of a six-room bed and breakfast facility**

3. **Miranda A. Richardson (Authorized Agent-Brian Turnbull)** - To amend the **Official Zoning Map No. STZ-11** from **B-2 (Business Secondary/Neighborhood)** to **B-1 (Business-Central Business District)** for **Parcel No. 13 Norre Gade, Kings Quarter, St. Thomas.**

**Purpose: To use the property for professional offices**

4. **Dun-Run Restaurants, LLC (Authorized Agent David A. Bornn, Esq.)** – To amend the **Official Zoning Map No. SZT-6** from **R-3 (Residential-Medium Density)** to **B-3 (Business-Scattered)** for **Parcels Nos. Consolidated A1-A, A3B-1 and A1-B Estate Lovelund, No. 2 Great Northside Quarter, St. Thomas**

**Purpose: To allow the restaurant to operate as a “stand alone” property from the Mahogany Run Community and Golf Course. To continue the use of the fine dining restaurant**

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5. **Moravian Church VI Conference (Authorized Agent-Samuel Rymer)** – To amend the **Official Zoning Map No. SJZ-3** from **R-2 (Residential-Low Density One and Two Family)** to **W-1(Waterfront-Pleasure), and W-2 (Waterfront-Industrial) to W-1 (Waterfront-Pleasure)** for **Parcel No. Remainder 10A Estate Emmaus, No. 2 Coral Bay Quarter, St. John**

**Purpose: Parcel No. Remainder 10A will be utilized as part of the “Sirius Seaside Resort and Marina” that will consist of an 89-unit hotel/condominium resort and associated marine activities**

**Application for Zone change on St. John will be heard at a later date, on the Island of St. John:**

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Monday,

March 2, 2015

**RESERVED FOR CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**REVISED** Tuesday,

March 3, 2015

**Time:**

9:00 A.M.

**Committee:**

Finance

*Chairperson: Sen. Clifford F. Graham    Vice-Chairperson: Sen. Kurt A. Vialet*

**Location:**

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room  
St. Croix, Virgin Islands

**Agenda**

The **Committee on Finance** has scheduled a meeting to receive testimony on the consideration of **BR15-0229** and **Bill No. 31-0012**.

1. **BR15-0229** - An Act authorizing and appropriating the sum of \$1 million to retain outside counsel to pursue litigation against Hess Oil Corporation and related entities; to enforce the rights of the people of Virgin Islands pursuant to the Concession and Settlement agreements entered into between Hess Oil, its related entities and the Virgin Islands

**Invited Testifier:**

**Attorney Terri Griffiths**  
Acting Attorney General  
Virgin Islands Department of Justice

2. **Bill No. 31-0012** - An Act providing for property tax benefits for retirees on the Government Employees Retirement System who are owed retroactive wages.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Valdamier Collens**  
Nominee  
Department of Finance

**Honorable Osbert Potter**  
Lieutenant Governor or Designee  
United State Virgin Island

**Mr. Austin L. Nibbs, CPA, CGMA**  
Administrator  
Virgin Islands Government Employees  
Retirement System

**Ms. Mary Moorhead**  
President  
St. Croix, Government Retirees

**Ms. Debra Christopher**  
Citizen/Vice President  
St. Croix, Government Retirees

**Mr. Terrence T. Joseph**  
Constituent  
St. Croix, Virgin Islands

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**Wednesday, March 4, 2015**

**Time: 10:00 A.M.**

**Committee: Housing, Public Works & Waste Management**

*Chairperson: Sen. Marvin Blyden Vice Chairperson: Sen. Kurt Vialet*

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

### **Agenda**

**The Committee on Housing, Public Works & Waste Management will meet to receive** testimony and overviews of each of the respective departments' operations, and a status update on current, and upcoming projects from the following governmental department:

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Adrienne L. Williams**  
Executive Director  
Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

**Ms. Lydia Hugehes**  
Chief Operating Officer  
Virgin Islands Housing Authority

**Mr. Robert Graham**  
Executive Director  
Virgin Islands Housing Authority

**Mr. Luis Sylvester**  
Chairman of the Board  
Virgin Islands Housing Authority Board of

The Committee will receive testimony from civil organizations that are dealing with the homeless population, along with an update on those programs' efforts to house these individuals.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Michael Akin**  
Director  
Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands

**Ms. Vivian St. Juste**  
Executive Director  
Family Resource Center

**Empress Barbara Williams**  
Homeless past resident of LBJ Apartments  
St. Croix

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**Thursday, March 5, 2015**

**RESERVED FOR CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**REVISED:**

**Friday,**                      **March 6, 2015**  
**Time:**                      **12:30 P.M.-6:00 P.M.**  
**Event:**                      **Forum on Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development Forum.**

*President: Sen. Neville James      Vice-President: Sen. Janette Millin Young*

**Location:**                      **ACC Building**  
                                         **University of the Virgin Islands**  
                                         **St. Thomas, Virgin Islands**

**Agenda**

**TOWARD A MORE SUSTAINABLE VIRGIN ISLANDS:  
A FORUM ON RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:**

This forum to be convened for the US Virgin Islands Legislators aims to build an understanding of the challenges and opportunities for renewable energy and sustainable development in the territory. Through presentations and facilitated dialogue, this forum aims to:

-  Develop an understanding of the role of sustainable development in policy making;
-  Lay a foundation for policymakers to build upon existing renewable energy and sustainable development activities;
-  Provide insights on solar soft costs and the financial tools available to support the Virgin Islands' solar market; and
-  Support the Senators with developing a vision for a more sustainable Virgin Islands.

*The Forum on Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development* is sponsored and conducted by the Caribbean Green Technology Center of the University of the Virgin Islands and the Virgin Islands Energy Office.

