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Monday August 12, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM
Committee: Rules & Judiciary

Chairperson: Senator Janelle K. Sarauw
Vice-Chairperson: Senator Myron D. Jackson

Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas

Agenda

The Committee on Rules & Judiciary will meet to consider the following Nominations.

9:00 AM-11:00 AM Block I

Ms. Tamara Mohammed, MS, MCH, LPC
Nominee
Licensed Professional Counselor
Board of Licensed Counselors and Examiners

Ms. Janette Bowers, RN, MSN, FNP, BC
Nominee
License Practical Nurse
Board of Licensure

Ms. Patricia Towal, M.Ed. LPC
Nominee
Licensed Professional Counselor
Board of Licensed Counselors and Examiners

Ms. Ophelia Powell-Torres, RN, BSN, MA
Nominee
Nurse Educator
Board of Nurse Licensure
Time: 12:00 PM

Committee: Legislative Session

Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas

Call to Order: Honorable Senate President Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Invocation: Pastor Jerry Languedoc
Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Anthem: National Anthem and Virgin Islands March

Roll Call: Honorable Senator Alicia V. Barnes
Legislative Secretary
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Senate Pages: Ms. Dene Dessuit and Mr. Jeffery Taylor
Office of Senator Myron D. Jackson

Committee Reports: Chairpersons of Standing Committees

CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA
CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS:

1st Block 4 Minutes Debate

Mrs. Kimberley Causey-Gomez
Commissioner Nominee
Department of Human Services (Adopted 8-12-19)

Colonel Kodjo Knox-Limbacker
Adjutant General Nominee
Virgin Islands National Guard (Adopted 8-12-19)

Mr. Calvert White
Commissioner, Nominee:
Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation (Adopted 8-12-19)

Mr. Raymond J. Williams
Director, Nominee:
Virgin Islands Lottery (Adopted 8-12-19)

2nd Block 4 Minutes Debate

Dr. Vincentia Paul-Constantin
Member Nominee
Licensed Professional Counselor
Board of Licensure Counselors & Examiners (Adopted 8-12-19)

Mr. Hugo Hodge, Jr.
Member Nominee
Virgin Islands Horse Racing Commission
District of St. Thomas/St. John (Adopted 8-12-19)

Mr. Shane E. Benjamin
Member Nominee
Virgin Islands Horse Racing Commission
District of St. Thomas/St. John (Adopted 8-12-19)

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Member Nominee
Nurse Educator
Board of Nurse Licensure (Adopted 8-12-19)

Tuesday August 13, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM
Committee: Continuation Legislative Session
Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
          St. Thomas
Call to Order: Honorable Senate President Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
Roll Call: Honorable Senator Alicia V. Barnes
          Legislative Secretary

The Thirty-Third Legislature will reconvene Legislative Session and resolve into Committee of the Whole to receive testimony on the following:
Agenda

Rezoning Requests Applications:

**Petition of Ms. Nicole Toby** – Requesting a use variance to the R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) zoned Parcel No. 84 Estate Diamond, Prince Quarter, St. Croix

**Proposed Use:** To allow for the construction and operation of a beauty salon

**Invited Testifiers:**

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**Ms. Nicole Toby**

Permittee

**Petition of Ms. Norma Blackwood** – Requesting that Plot No. 25 Estate Concordia, West End Quarter, St Croix be rezoned from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to B-3 (Business-Scattered)

**Proposed Use:** To allow for restaurant and retail use on the property

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**Ms. Norma Blackwood**

Permittee

**Coastal Zone Management Permits:**

**Bill No. 33-0120** - An Act ratifying the approval of the **Governor of the Virgin Islands of Major Coastal Zone Permit No. CZT-7-18 (W)** issued to the Virgin Islands Port Authority and the West Indian Company Ltd

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Bill No. 33-0121 – An Act ratifying the approval by the Governor of the Virgin Islands of Minor Coastal Zone Permit No CZJ-16-18 issued to Robert Gross

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol  
Commissioner  
Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Mr. Marlon Hibbert  
Director, CZM  
Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Mr. Robert Gross  
Permittee

Bill No. 33-0124 – An Act ratifying the approval of the Governor of the Virgin Islands of Major Coastal Zone Permit No. CZT-6-16 (L & W)

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol  
Commissioner  
Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Mr. Marlon Hibbert  
Director, CZM  
Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Mr. Carlton Dowe  
Executive Director  
Virgin Islands Port Authority

Mr. Anthony Ottley  
Interim Acting CEO  
West Indian Company Limited

Bill No. 33-0125 - An Act ratifying the approval of the Governor of the Virgin Islands of Minor Coastal Zone Permit No. CZT-36-16 (W)

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol  
Commissioner  
Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Mr. Marlon Hibbert  
Director, CZM  
Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Ms. Alkione Givonvan  
Permittee  
Recess

The Thirty-Third Legislature will rise out of the Committee of the Whole and reconvene Legislative Session

COASTAL ZONE PERMITS:
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Bill No. 33-0125 - An Act ratifying the approval of the Governor of the Virgin Islands of Minor Coastal Zone Permit No. CZT-36-16 (W)

Wednesday, August 14, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM
Committee: Finance
Chairperson: Senator Kurt Vialet
Vice-Chairperson: Senator Marvin Blyden
Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Agenda

The Committee on Finance will receive testimony on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands.

9:00 AM University of the Virgin Islands
Invited Testifier: Dr. David Hall
President, UVI
UVI Research & Technology Park, Corp
Invited Testifier: Mr. Peter H. Chapman
Executive Director, UVI Research & Technology Park, Corp.

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM Casino Control Commission
Invited Testifier: Mr. Usie R. Richards
Acting Chairman

2:30 PM Virgin Islands Election System
Invited Testifier: Ms. Caroline Fawkes
Supervisor of Elections
The Committee on Housing, Transportation, Infrastructure/Telecommunications will meet to consider legislation and receive testimony as listed below:

1. **Bill No. 33-00107** - An Act authorizing the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to permit advertisements to be placed on VITRAN buses. *(Sponsored by Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff)*

2. An update from the Waste Management Authority on the status of its operations.

3. An update from cellular phone providers in the territory regarding the status of their operations, their ability to provide services in the event of a windstorm or other natural disaster, and the future outlook for services to the territory's customers

**Invited Testifiers:**

- **Mr. Keith Richards**  
  Chairman Board of Directors  
  Waste Management Authority

- **Mr. Adrian Taylor**  
  Interim Executive Director  
  Waste Management Authority

- **Honourable Nelson A. Petty**  
  Commissioner  
  Department of Public Works

- **Ms. Jennifer O’Neal**  
  Director  
  Office of Management and Budget

- **Ms. Karole McGregor**  
  Deputy Commissioner of Transportation  
  Department of Public Works

- **Mr. Bruce Flamon**  
  Concerned Citizen

- **Mr. Salvatore A. Casale, Esq.**  
  Director of External and Legislative Affairs  
  AT&T Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands

- **Mr. Patrick Fucik**  
  Vice-President  
  Sprint Corporation
**Monday  September 19, 2019**

**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Committee:** Education and Workforce Development  
**Chairperson:** Senator Donna Frett-Gregory  
**Vice-Chairperson:** Senator Kurt Vialet  
**Location:** Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas

**Agenda**

The Committee on Education and Workforce Development will receive testimony on the following:

**Block I 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Bill No. 33-0008** - An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, section 133 relating to school monitors employed by the Department of Education to prohibit school monitors from carrying metal batons while on school premises. **Proposed by Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff**

**Bill No. 33-0019** - An Act amending title 17, chapter 7, section 61a of the Virgin Islands Code regarding the school year. **Proposed by Janelle K. Sarauw**

12:30 PM 1:00 PM LUNCH

**Block II 1:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**Bill No. 33-0005** – An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25 to preserve the rights of career employees after service in an unclassified position.  
**Proposed by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens**

- Dislocated Workers in the Territory as a result of Hurricanes Irma and Maria
- The Virgin Islands Unemployment Insurance Programs

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**Tuesday  September 20, 2019**

**Time:** 9:00 AM
Committee: Finance
Chairperson: Senator Kurt Vialet
Vice-Chairperson: Senator Marvin Blyden
Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas

Agenda

The Committee on Finance will receive testimony on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands.

9:00 AM Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority
Invited Testifier: Mr. Daryl Griffith
Executive Director

Lunch 12:00 PM

1:00 PM Virgin Islands Housing Authority
Invited Testifier: Mr. Robert Graham, CMP
Executive Director

3:00 PM Office of Collective Bargaining
Invited Testifier: Joss N. Springette, Esq.
Chief Negotiator Designee

Wednesday August 21, 2019
Time: 9:00 AM
Committee: Health, Hospitals and Human Services
Chairperson: Senator Oakland Benta
Vice-Chair: Senator Janelle K. Sarauw
Location: The Bennie and Martha Benjamin Conference Center
Virgin Islands Cardiac Center, St. Croix

Agenda

The Committee on Health Hospital and Human Services will conduct a hearing to receive testimony on the following bills:
Bill No. 33-0118 - An Act amending title 19, part IV, chapter 53, subchapter II of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new section 1441 requiring that all restaurants list major food allergens on their menu or menu board. (Proposed by Senator Alicia V. Barnes)

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Justa Encarnacion  Ms. Jacqueline Greenridge
VI Department of Health Acting Territorial Coordinator of Emergency Medical Services

Mrs. Jo-Ann Berry-Edney
President
Christiansted Restaurant & Retail Association (CRRA)

Bill No. 33-0051 - An Act amending title 19, part II, chapter 16, section 243, subsection (g) of the Virgin Islands Code relating to the composition of the hospitals governing boards. (Proposed by Senator Stedman Hodge, Jr.)

Invited Testifier:

The Honorable Kirk Callwood
Commissioner
VI Department of Finance


Invited Testifier:

Mrs. Gwendolyn Brady
Director
Division of Banking & Insurance & Financial Regulation
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Wednesday             August 21, 2019
Time:                 3:30 PM
Committee:            Education and Workforce Development
Chairperson:          Senator Donna Frett-Gregory
Vice-Chairperson:     Senator Kurt Vialet
Location:             Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
                      St. Thomas
The Committee on Education and Workforce Development has scheduled a meeting to receive testimony on the following:

Updates on school readiness for the 2019/2020 school year to include summer maintenance status, classroom coverage, the status of student data, the Virgin Islands Visual Information System (VIVS), and the status of federal grants expiring on September 30, 2019

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Racquel Berry-Benjamin
Commissioner
V.I. Department of Education

Thursday August 22, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM

Committee: Finance

Chairperson: Senator Kurt Vialet
Vice-Chairperson: Senator Marvin Blyden

Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas

Agenda

The Committee on Finance will receive testimony on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands.

9:00 AM Schneider Regional Medical Center

Invited Testifier: Dr. Bernard A. Wheatley
Chief Executive Officer

Lunch 12:00 PM

1:00 PM St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation

Invited Testifier: Mr. Moleto Smith
Executive Director

2:30 PM Virgin Islands Lottery

Invited Testifier: Mr. Raymond J. Williams
Director
Friday August 23, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM

Committee: Rules & Judiciary

Chairperson: Janelle K. Sarauw
Vice-Chairperson: Myron D. Jackson

Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas

Agenda

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary will meet to receive testimony and consider the Governor’s nominations to lead the following agencies and to consider the following bills:

Block I 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Dr. Brian Bacot
Member Nominee
Board of Medical Examiners-District of St. Thomas/St. John

Mr. Christopher E. Finch
Member Nominee
V. I. Government Hospital and Health Facilities Corporation-District of St. Croix

Block II 10:15 AM-12:15 PM

Mr. Rupert O. Ross
Director Nominee
Bureau of Information Technology (BIT)

12:15 PM-12:45 PM- Lunch

Block III 12:45 PM 2:00 PM

Bill No. 33-0082 – An Act honoring and commending Robert O’Connor, Jr. for his commitment to the people of the Virgin Islands through his service as a Senator, his membership on the Port Authority Board and his work as a community leader by naming the new Port Authority maintenance building in his honor. (Proposed by Senators Donna Frett-Gregory, Athneil “Bobby’ Thomas and Steven D. Payne, Sr.; Co-Sponsored by Senator Javan E. James)

Bill No. 3-0020 – A Resolution honoring and commending Tishelle Knight for her accomplishment, service and musical contributions to the Virgin Islands. (Proposed by Senators Janelle K. Sarauw and Athneil “Bobby’ Thomas; Co-Sponsored by Senator Steven D. Payne and Myron D. Jackson)
Bill No. 33-0060 – A Resolution posthumously honoring and commending Alvin “Alli” Paul for his contribution to the culture of the Virgin Islands, through the Mocko Jumbie artform. (Proposed by Senator Janelle k. Sarauw; Co-Sponsored by Senators Steven D. Payne, Sr., Myron D. Jackson and Javan E. James. Jr.)

Block IV 2:00 PM-7:00 PM

Bill No. 33-0086 – An Act amending title 19 of the VIC by inserting a new chapter 52, section 1350 requiring all restaurants and establishments that sell food to post signs that demonstrate appropriate first aid for choking. (Proposed by Senator Alicia V. Barnes)

Bill No. 33-0011 – An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 60, section 1191 relating to strengthen the loitering law and increasing the penalty for loitering. (Proposed by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr; Co-Sponsored by Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.)

Bill No. 33-0040 – An Act amending title 20, Part II, chapter 41, section 466, subsection (b) of the Virgin Islands Code to require each passenger in the rear seat of a vehicle to wear a safety belt. (Proposed by Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr., Co-Sponsored by Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.)

Bill No. 33-0092 – An Act amending title 4, chapter 1 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new section 7 to provide for the continuing operation of the Judicial Branch of the Virgin Islands in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies. (Proposed by Senator Novelle, E. Francis, Jr.)

Bill No. 33-0054 – An Act amending title 11 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23 pertaining to Small Business Development. (Proposed by Senator Myron D. Jackson)