Official Agenda
33rd Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Friday September 25, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM

Committee: Legislative Session

Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas

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

Invocation:

Anthem: National Anthem and Virgin Islands March

Roll Call: Honorable Senator Alicia V. Barnes
Legislative Secretary

Committee Reports: Chairperson of Standing Committees

CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:

NOMINEES:

Lionel S. Jacobs
Virgin Islands Port Authority Governing Board
District of St. Croix

Mr. Reginald O. Vigilant
University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees
District of St. Croix

Ian Tomlinson
University of the Virgin Islands Research Park and Technology Board of Directors

Jeffery G. Webster
University of the Virgin Islands Research Park and Technology Board of Directors

Denise T. Jeremiah, MBA, CPA
Virgin Islands Board of Public Accountancy
District of St. Thomas
Yolanda Samuel-Deterville, CPS, CFF, CGM  
Virgin Islands Board of Public Accountancy  
District of St. Croix

William J. Tobias  
Virgin Islands Commission on Aquaculture and Mariculture  
Marine Biologist Representative

Alvin D. Burke, Jr.  
Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System Board of Directors  
District of St. Croix

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Bill No. 33-0103-An Act amending the following provisions of the Virgin Islands Code: (2) title 19, part I, chapter 7, by adding new sections 154, 155, and 156 providing for learning evaluation of children, postpartum care and minimum standards of health care for incarcerated women and men; (3) title 19, part VI, chapter 37, subchapter II, section 831(a), by establishing a new procedure for obtaining an initial birth certificate; (4) title 17, chapter 11, section 130 and title 17, chapter 9, subchapter I, section 87, by prohibiting the use of corporal punishment; and (5) title 17, chapter 9, subchapter I, by adding a new section 86a providing for paid time off from work so that parents may visit their children’s schools; and providing that certain health care facilities hire discharge planners not later than January 2020

Bill No. 33-0111-An Act amending title 19, part VI, of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new chapter 56B requiring that the Waste Management Authority designate disposal sites throughout the Territory for waste tires, and creating the Waste Tire Management and Disposal Fund

Bill No. 33-0115-An Act amending title 24, chapter 14 of the Virgin Islands Code, by inserting a new section 384 relating to the transfer of the Virgin Islands Labor Management Committee as a division within the Public Employees’ Relations Board

Bill No. 33-0198-An Act amending title 14, chapter 7, section 192 of the Virgin Islands Code by increasing the penalty for the illegal importation of snakes and imposing penalties for the importation of animals or species not indigenous to the Virgin Islands which may pose a threat to the ecosystem of the Virgin Islands and the people of the Virgin Islands

Bill No. 33-0210– An Act amending title 30, chapter 5, subchapter II, sections 103 and 104 of the Virgin Islands Code by establishing minimum criteria for the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Governing Board and changing the number of its members

Bill No. 33-0211-An Act amending title 3, chapter 16, section 273 of the Virgin Islands Code by establishing minimum criteria for Public Services Commission members and changing the number of its members
Bill No. 33-0223- An Act amending title 24, chapter 19, section 616 (a)(2) of the Virgin Islands Code by requiring that the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Labor approve any proposed Youth Transitional Employment Program within three (3) months after receipt of the application

Bill No. 33-0246- An Act amending title 19, chapter 45 of the Virgin Islands Code adding subchapter VI relating to maternal mental health

Bill No. 33-0254- An Act amending Act No. 7233 to reprogram monies appropriated to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to be used for the expansion of the Bovoni Water line project

Bill No. 33-0267 – An Act to amend title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23, subchapter I, section 262 relating to the powers of the Virgin Islands Board for Career and Technical Education to strengthen and expand the alternative pathways to career readiness currently available for students in the public high schools of the Virgin Islands and to build on the career and technical (vocational) education program that allows high school students to gain exposure in their desired vocational career field, obtain national qualifications, and incentivize qualified local businesses territory-wide to participate

Bill No. 33-0269- An Act amending Title 3, Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 13, Sections 218, 232 Section 236, 236a, 239, and 251 as it relates to the Department of Property and Procurement

Bill No. 33-0272- An Act amending the Virgin Islands Code title 30, chapter 1, subchapter I relating to public utilities adding section 1a to enact the Virgin Islands Ratepayers’ Bill of Rights; amending section 23 relating to powers of the Public Services Commission, adding subsection (c) to authorize the Public Services Commission to resolve ratepayers’ complaints and amending chapter 5, subchapter II, section 105 relating to powers of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to require the Authority to comply with the Virgin Islands Ratepayers’ Bill of Rights

Bill No. 33-0299 – An Act to amending title 29 of the Virgin Islands Code, chapter 19 section 107 relating to powers of the Enterprise Zone Commission, to expand its authority; amending section 116 to designate the South Shore of St. Croix as an Enterprise Zone; and adding subchapter IIIA to govern the Virgin Islands South Shore Trade Zone

Bill No. 33-0322- An Act conditionally rezoning Plot No. 102 and Plot No. 103 Estate Peter’s Rest, Christiansted, St. Croix from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to B-3 (Business Scattered)

Bill No. 33-0325- An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, subchapter I relating to emergencies and major disasters by adding a section 1017 to prohibit unconscionable pricing of goods and services during a declaration of a state of emergency

Bill No. 33-0334 – An Act approving a Planned Area Development for 4,172 acres on Lovango Cay (eastern portion), No. 21 Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John, Virgin Islands and amending Official
Zoning Map OIIZ-1 to allow for a Planned Area Development in the R-1 (Low Density) Zoning District

**Bill No. 33-0342** – An Act to amend title 19 Virgin Islands Code, chapter I, section 221 relating to new definitions that govern the chapter; title 19, chapter 16, relating to the duties of the members of the V.I. Government Hospitals Corporation and for other related purposes; title 33, chapter 111, section 3100b accordingly

**Bill No. 33-0343** – An Act to amend Title 19 of the Virgin Islands Code establishing minimum criteria for members of the Virgin Islands Government and Health Facilities Corporation Board, decreasing the number of its members, and increasing the stipend of its board members

**Bill No. 33-0346**- An Act establishing a Management and Oversight Review Committee for the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority

**Bill No. 33-0348**- An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter I, subchapter I relating to licensing of medical professionals to provide for a two-year licensure period amending subchapter IIb to repeal provisions that appear in subchapter I and provisions that have become obsolete; and amending subchapter IIb, section 50i to allow physician assistants to prescribe, dispense, and administer Schedule II through V narcotic drugs and non-narcotic drugs to the extent delegated by a physician

**Bill No. 33-0282**- An Act amending title 3, chapter 18, subchapter II, section 312 (a) of the Virgin Islands Code by adding the Athletic Director of the University of the Virgin Islands and the Little League Administrator, or a representative, to the membership of the Virgin Islands Sports Commission (Pending Committee on Rules and Judiciary-September 22, 2020)

**Bill No. 33-0300**- An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, subchapter I by adding section 305d to establish a numerical limitation on the licenses issued for gasoline stations within the Districts of Christiansted and Frederiksted and St. Thomas/St. John (Pending Committee on Rules and Judiciary-September 22, 2020)

**Bill No. 33-0347**- An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15, section 190dd to provide scholarship benefits for person (Pending Committee on Rules and Judiciary-September 22, 2020)

**Bill No. 33-0358**- An Act authorizing the transfer of Government-owned real property located at #51 Hannah’s Rest, Frederiksted, St. Croix owned by the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to the Virgin Islands Police Department for the construction of a police station in Frederiksted, St. Croix and for other related purposes (Pending Committee on Rules and Judiciary-September 22, 2020)

**Bill No. 33-0370**- An Act appropriating $800,000 to the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles to renovate a building located at #100 Crown Bay, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (Pending Committee on Rules and Judiciary-September 22, 2020)