



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
REVISED SENATE CALENDAR
February 27, 2023 – March 10, 2023

MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, 2023

CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES

**Committee on Housing,
Transportation, and Telecommunications**
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

BLOCK I

9:35 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

The Committee will receive updates from government and non-profit agencies on homelessness.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Kimberley Causey-Gomez, Commissioner, Department of Human Services
Attorney Richard Bourne-Vanneck, Board Chairman, Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands
Ms. Andrea Shillingford, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands
Ms. Erma Chase-Derima, Executive Director, Methodist Training and Outreach Center, Inc.

BLOCK II

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

The Committee will receive updates on the residential market, financing, and the newly established VI Slice Program.

Invited Testifiers:

Mrs. Gwendolyn Brady, Director, Division of Banks, Insurance & Financial Regulation, Office of the Lt. Governor
Mr. James Crites, President, Virgin Islands Bankers' Association
Mr. Martin Lauzze, President, Virgin Islands Territorial Association of Realtors
Ms. Kimme Bryce, Area Director | Area VII US Virgin Islands, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Mr. Wayne L. Biggs, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority

LUNCH

1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

BLOCK III**1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive updates from the V.I. Housing Authority and the V.I. Housing Finance Authority on affordable housing, public housing communities and programs, and the status of home repair programs and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Robert A. Graham, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority

Ms. Dayna M. Clendinen, Interim Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.**

**Committee on Government Operations,
Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection**

9:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

BLOCK I**9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. [35-0006](#)

An Act honoring and commending former Senator George E. Goodwin for his many years of expansive contributions to the Virgin Islands community as a whole, through his roles in various areas of service to the territory as well as advocacy for social justice for underserved people in the Virgin Islands; to rename the Cricket Field located on Parcel H of Tract 1, Estate Nazareth, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands in his honor; and to award former Senator George E. Goodwin the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor; and for other related purposes.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Donna Christiansen, Former Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress

The Honorable Tregenza Roach, Esq., Lt. Governor of the U.S.V.I.

The Honorable Roosevelt St. C. David, Former Senator

Mr. Anthony Greene, Chairman, East End Democratic Club

Mr. Doyle Jones, President, St. Thomas Cricket Association

Mr. St. Clair Goodwin, Resident

Mr. Gregory Goodwin, Resident

Mr. Calvert Gibson, Resident

Mr. Alton Grant, Resident

Rev. Dr. Bentley Thomas, Pastor, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

BLOCK II**10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. [35-0009](#) An Act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, section 171(a) relating to the observance of national holidays and enacting The Juneteenth National Independence Day Act to declare June 19 a legal holiday in the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Myron D. Jackson, Former Senator
Ms. Cindy Richardson, Director, Division of Personnel

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. [35-0011](#) An Act honoring and commending former Senator Horace A. Callwood, Sr. posthumously for his dedication, service, and commitment to the people of the Virgin Islands and naming the north-south street immediately east of Windward Passage in his memory.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Stedmann Hodge, Jr., Former Senator & State Chair of the Democratic Party of the V.I.
Ms. Chaneel Callwood-Daniels, Resident
Mr. James O’Bryan, Jr., Former State Chair, Democratic Party of the Virgin Islands
Mr. Eduardo Carneiro, Chair, Horace Callwood Breakfast Club

BLOCK III**12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. [35-0007](#) A Resolution honoring and commending Mr. Boyd “Boyzie” Orlanzo Todman for his many contributions to the people and the youth of the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Allison Petrus, Former Senator
Mr. Orville Isaac, Resident
Mr. Boyd “Boyzie” Orlanzo Todman, Resident
Mr. Terrence Lake, Resident
Mr. Arthur Solomon, Resident
Mr. Jaime Francis, Resident

LUNCH**1:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

BLOCK IV

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Island Taxicab Commission to include but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, current agency challenges and plan of action to resolve challenges.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Vernice Gumbs, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

Ms. Loretta Lloyd, Chair, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

BLOCK V

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Department of Property and Procurement to include but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, current agency challenges and plan of action to resolve challenges.

Invited Testifier:

Ms. Lisa Alejandro, Acting Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 01, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 02, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 03, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**MONDAY,
MARCH 06, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.**

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations,
and Finance
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Monday, March 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

BLOCK I – Lease(s)

Bill No. [35-0017](#) An Act approving the Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Suntech Group, Inc. d/b/a St. Thomas Gas for Parcel No. 4 Submarine Base, No. 6, Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, consisting of approximately 27, 732.393 U.S. sq. ft. or 0.637 U.S. acre as shown on P.W.D. File No. D9-1426-T78 to be used for the purpose of operating a trucking, transportation, delivery, and retail business of bottled propane gas, and for no other purpose.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Lisa M. Alejandro, Acting Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement,
Divisions of Property & Printing

Ms. Amanda Peguero, Treasurer - Suntech Group, Inc.

Bill No. [35-0018](#) An Act approving the Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and A-9 Trucking Enterprises, Inc. and Sarnelli Bros., (V.I.) Inc. d/b/a V.I. Recycling Company.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Lisa M. Alejandro, Acting Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement,
Divisions of Property & Printing

Mr. Jimez Ashby and **Ms. Genevieve Carletti**, A-9 Trucking Ent. and Sarnelli Bro Vi

Bill No. [35-0019](#) An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement and the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation, d/b/a/ VIYA, for a portion of a telecommunication tower and bunker in Building No. 1, Suite 2, Parcel No. 6 Recovery Hill, Company Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, consisting of a telecommunications tower and a 9' x 8' room and bunker, zoned P, for the establishment and operation of wireless link connections and to house associated equipment in the 9' x 8' bunker, and for no other purposes whatsoever.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Lisa M. Alejandro, Acting Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement,
Divisions of Property & Printing

Mr. Julio Rhymer Sr., Chief Financial Officer – VIYA

Bill No. [35-0025](#) An Act approving the Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement and Anthony Isaac d/b/a Ace Trucking and Trash Removal

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Lisa M. Alejandro, Acting Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement,
Divisions of Property & Printing

Mr. Anthony Isaac, Owner – Ace Trucking and Trash Removal

BLOCK II – Bill(s)

Bill No. [35-0004](#) An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 706 and chapter 28A, section 755 allowing retirees who are receiving an annuity from the Government Employees Retirement System who are subsequently employed by the University of the Virgin Islands (“UVI”), to continue to receive their GERS annuity while receiving their salary from the University if the retiree enrolls in a different retirement plan.

Invited Testifiers:

Dr. David Hall, SJD, President, University of the Virgin Islands

Mr. Austin Nibbs, Administrator, Government Employees’ Retirement System

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 07, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 08, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.**

**Committee on Economic Development
and Agriculture
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 09, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR DIANE T. CAPEHART
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER**

**Committee on Rules and Judiciary
9:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 10, 2023**

**PRESIDENT: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.
VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN**

**The Committee of the Whole
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OFFICIAL AGENDA

Time: 10:00 A.M.

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Michelle Ritter-LaCoss
Journal Clerk

The Thirty-Fifth Legislature will convene in a Committee of the Whole Hearing to receive testimony on the following zoning requests:

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M.

Bill No. [35-0020](#) An Act granting a zoning use variance for Plot No. 152 of Parcel 6 Estate Clifton Hill, King Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, to allow for a closed-door infusion pharmacy

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Leia LaPlace-Matthew, Territorial Planner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Laura M. Forbes, Authorized Agent

Bill No. [35-0021](#) An Act amending the Official Zoning Map No. SCZ-7 for the island of St. Croix to change the zoning designation of Plot Nos. 102-A Remainder, 102-B, and 102-C Estate Hermon Hill, Company Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, from R-3 (Residential-Medium Density) to P (Public)

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Leia LaPlace-Matthew, Territorial Planner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Daryl D. Jaschen, Director, VITEMA

BLOCK II

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Bill No. [35-0022](#) An Act granting a zoning use variance for Plot No. 2-137 Estate Sion Hill, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, from the R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to allow for a beauty salon

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Leia LaPlace-Matthew, Territorial Planner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Leonela Fabian De Jesus, Property Owner
Juliana Fabian, Applicant

Bill No. [35-0023](#) An Act granting a zoning use variance from the B-2 (Business-Secondary/Neighborhood) zoning designation to Plot Nos. 50-1 and 50-4 Estate Orange Grove, Company Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to allow for the manufacture of concrete products

Invited Testifiers:

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

Leia LaPlace-Matthew, Territorial Planner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Mitchell Matthew, Owner, Just Right Trucking, LLC

H.C. Rupareliah, Authorized Agent, Innovative Asset Group, Inc.

Alicia V. Barnes, Subject Matter Expert
