



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
March 06, 2023 – March 17, 2023

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

BLOCK II

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

**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

The Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture will convene a meeting on **Wednesday, March 8, 2023**, at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** on the island of **St. Thomas**. The Committee will receive a status update from the Office of Cannabis Regulations (OCR), the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, and the Virgin Islands Port Authority.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M.

The Committee will receive an update on the overall status of the USVI Office of Cannabis Regulations to include the following below:

- The Implementation of Act 8680
- Status update on the necessary personnel to carry out the duties of the Office of Cannabis Regulations
- Discussion on the licensing procedures for the cannabis industry

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Richard Evangelista, Esq., Commissioner, Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs

Ms. Hannah Carty, Executive Director, Office of Cannabis Regulations, DLCA

Dr. Catherine Kean, Chairwoman, Virgin Islands Cannabis Advisory Board

Kye Walker, Esq., Legal Advisor to the Governor and Cannabis Legislation

Mr. Tafari Tzaddi, President, Rastafari Sacramental Cannabis Counsel, Inc.

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1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

BLOCK II**1:30 P.M.**

The Committee will receive an update on the overall status of the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism operations to include but not limited to the following listed below:

- Update on the utilization of the funds to market St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John
- Update on the upcoming 2023 St. Thomas Carnival
- Report for the 2019-2020 and 2022-2023 Crucian Christmas Festivals
- Report for the 2019 and 2022 St. Thomas Carnivals
- Goals to promote Sports Tourism in the Virgin Islands
- Update on the partnership with the Uber Soca Cruise
- Goals for the upcoming Sea trade Conference

Invited Testifier:

The Honorable Joseph B. Boschulte, Commissioner, United States Virgin Islands Department of Tourism

BLOCK III**4:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive an update from the Virgin Islands Port Authority on the overall status to include but not limited to the following listed below:

- Status update on the P3 project for the airports
- Update on all capital projects for VIPA
- Goals for the upcoming Sea trade Conference
- Update on the contract for Seaborne Airlines and goals for improving inter-island travel

Invited Testifier:

Carlton Dowe, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Port Authority

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**

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary is scheduled to meet on **Thursday, March 9, 2023**, at **9:00 A.M.** in the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room** located at 3022 Estate Golden Rock, St. Croix, VI 00820 to receive testimony on the following:

BLOCK I

Governor's Nomination:

Mr. Luther F. Renee

Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission

BLOCK II

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 09, 2023**

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

**Committee on Housing,
Transportation, and Telecommunications - Continuation
5:30 P.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

BLOCK I

Updates on 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

Updates on the residential market, financing, and the newly established VI Slice Program.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Glendina Matthew, Esq., Acting 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

BLOCK III

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

**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 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

**MONDAY,
MARCH 13, 2023**

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

**The Committee of the Whole
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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. [35-0052](#) An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. SJZ-3 for the island of St. John to change the zoning designation of Parcel No. 14 Rem Estate Carolina, Coral Bay Quarter, St. John from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to B-2 (Business-Secondary/Neighborhood)

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
Michael Milne, Authorized Agent

Bill No. [35-0053](#) An Act granting a zoning use variance for Parcel No. 84 Estate Contant, No. 7B, Southside Quarter, St. Thomas Virgin Islands from the R-3 (Residential-Medium Density) zoning designation to allow for offices

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
Roger Minkoff, Authorized Agent

BLOCK II

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

Bill No. [35-0024](#) An Act granting a zoning use variance for Parcel No. 5C Estate Anna's Retreat No. 1 New Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to allow for dwellings

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
Mark Grimes, Representative, 5C-AR Holdings, LLC

Bill No. [35-0040](#) An Act granting a zoning variance for Parcels Nos. A1-24 & A1-25 Estate Thomas, No. 6K New Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to allow an office, 2 one-bedroom apartments, flex space, gym, 13 parking spaces (1 handicapped) cistern and grey water cistern and accessory building for generator and garage space

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
Pat Bailey, Representative, Alpine Group USVI, LLC

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 14, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 15, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA**

**Committee on Homeland Security,
Justice, and Public Safety
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

Please be advised that the Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, and Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for **Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**, located on **St. Thomas, V.I.** to vet bills assigned to the committee and to hear overview testimony from Virgin Islands Police Department, Office of the Territorial Public Defender, and the Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M.

The committee will receive overview testimony, from the Office of the Territorial Public defender regarding, yet not limited to, updates on the Office's operations, capital projects, and initiatives.

Invited Testifier:**Samuel Joseph, Esq.**, Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office**LUNCH****12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.****BLOCK II****1:00 P.M.**

Bill No. [35-0013](#) An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part 11, chapter 35, relating to the issuance of operators' licenses and identification cards to allow applicants to obtain limited local-purpose identification cards and operators' licenses without providing certain federally required documentation

Invited Testifiers:**The Honorable Barbara McIntosh**, Director, Bureau of Motor Vehicles**Carol Thomas-Jacobs, Esq.**, Acting Attorney General, V.I. Department of Justice**Glendina Matthew, Esq.**, Director, Division of Banking & Insurance**The Honorable Ray Martinez**, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department**Paul Alexander**, Resident, Native of Dominica**Eddy Fleury**, Resident, Native of Haiti**Adriana Veliz**, Resident, Native of Venezuela**Ivor James**, Resident, Native of St. Vincent**Luther Renee**, Resident, Native of St. Lucia**Jerome Pineda**, Resident, Native of the Philippines**Dioniso Lorenzo**, Resident, Native of Dominican Republic**BLOCK III****3:00 P.M.**

The committee will receive overview testimony for the Virgin Islands Police Department and the Office of Gun Violence Prevention not limited to, updates on the department's operations, capital projects, and initiatives.

Invited Testifiers:**The Honorable Ray Martinez**, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department**Mr. Anthony Emmanuel**, Director, Office of Gun Violence Prevention**THURSDAY,****MARCH 16, 2023****CHAIR: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER****VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DIANE T. CAPEHART**

**Committee on Disaster Recovery,
Infrastructure and Planning**

9:00 A.M.**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 17, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN**

**Committee on Culture, Sports,
Parks, and Youth
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**
