



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
REVISED SENATE CALENDAR
March 13, 2023 – March 24, 2023

**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. [35-0040](#) 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
Jason Charles, Chief, External Affairs, Alpine Group USVI, LLC

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

Vonetta C. Norman, Esq., Representative, 5C-AR Holdings, LLC

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

**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

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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
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning has scheduled a meeting for **Thursday, March 16, 2023**, at **9:30 A.M.** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** to receive status updates on all anticipated, and underway, disaster recovery – related projects, programs, and funding.

Invited Testifiers:

Adrienne L. Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery
Dayna Clendinen, Acting Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 17, 2023**

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

**The Committee of the Whole
GIRL SCOUTS LEADERSHIP DAY
11:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall/Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The Thirty-Fifth Legislature will convene in a Girl Scouts Leadership Day Mock Committee of the Whole Hearing to receive testimony on the following bill:

Bill No. [35-00GS](#) An Act to recognize the month of March as Girl Scouts Month in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Tregenza A. Roach, Esq., Lieutenant Governor of the US Virgin Islands
(Represented by: Samara Santos, Nisky Moravian School, STT)

Dr. Renee Charleswell, Deputy Commissioner, VI Department of Education
(Represented by: LaRicya Baron, Addelita Cancryn Junior High School, STT)

The Honorable Bosede Bruce, Commissioner, VI Department of Finance
(Represented by: Stephanie Miller, Joseph Gomez Elementary School, STT)

The Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion, Commissioner, VI Department of Health
(Represented by: Latia Gabbidon, Tutu Academy, STT)

The Honorable Kimberley Causey-Gomez, Commissioner, VI Department of Human Services
(Represented by: Rachel Sprauve, Calvary Baptist, STT)

Carol Thomas-Jacobs, Esq., Acting Attorney General, VI Department of Justice
(Represented by: Trinecia Connor, Nisky Moravian School, STT)

Jenifer C. O'Neal, Director, Office of Management and Budget
(Represented by: Jouvernique Serrant, Nisky Moravian School, STT)

The Honorable Gary A. Molloy, Commissioner, VI Department of Labor
(Represented by: Zhi Kelly, Joseph Sibilly Elementary School, STT)

Daryl A. George, Sr., Director, VI Fire and Emergency Medical Services
(Represented by: Aniya Anthony, Addelita Cancryn Junior High School, STT)

Lisa Alejandro, Acting Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement
(Represented by: Trinity Connor, Nisky Moravian School, STT)

Cindy Richardson, Director, Division of Personnel
(Represented by: Jahymah White, Joseph Sibilly Elementary School, STT)

The Honorable Calvert A. White, Commissioner, VI Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation
(Represented by: Jaene Demens, Calvary Baptist, STT)

Sean Santos, Sr., Chief of Police, VI Department of Police
(Represented by: Star Stapleton, Home-Schooled, STX)

Patrick Farrell, Director, Veterans Affairs
(Represented by: KyAndra Warrell, Yvonne Milliner Bowsky Elementary School, STT)

**MONDAY,
MARCH 20, 2023**

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

**Committee on Government Operations,
Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023 in the Frits E. Lawaetz legislative Conference Room, St. Croix**. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and consider the following legislative measure:

BLOCK I

9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. [35-0010](#) An Act honoring and commending Mr. Aloy “Wenty” Nielsen for his years of service to the Virgin Islands community and naming the Christiansted Bypass in his honor; making a \$10,000 appropriation from the General Fund for signage at Aloy Nielsen Bypass and for other related purposed.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Robert Moorehead, Resident

Rick Nielson, Resident

Wystan Benjamin, Resident

John Paul David, Resident

Daryl Smalls, Executive Director, Territorial Hospital Redevelopment Team,
Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation

BLOCK II

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Office of Virgin Islands Veterans Affairs to include but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, current agency challenges and plan of action to resolve challenges.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Patrick Farrell, Director, Virgin Islands Veterans Affairs

Mr. Joel Gifft, Veteran, United States Army

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12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

BLOCK III

1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

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

Invited Testifier:

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

BLOCK IV

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Islands 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 Board

TUESDAY,

MARCH 21, 2023

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

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WEDNESDAY,

MARCH 22, 2023

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

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**THURSDAY,
MARCH 23, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY**

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

The Committee will receive testimony from the Department of the Education on the following:

BLOCK I

The status of the Virgin Islands State Literacy Plan including details on schools' literacy action plans, literacy coaches and literacy specialists (including bilingual reading specialists) development and implementation of culturally responsive curriculum and instruction, family literacy initiatives, extended-day, summer, or weekend family institutes related to literacy and biliteracy, partnership with the University of the Virgin Islands.

The safety and security of students. Schoolwide Prevention and Intervention Strategies, School-based bullying prevention programs, Cyberbullying prevention, and intervention programs; Staff Development to Prevent School Violence, Law Enforcement Partnerships; School-Based Links with Mental Health and Social Service Agencies; School, Family, and Community Involvement.

Invited Testifier:

The Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

BLOCK II

Bill No. [35-0039](#) An Act amending title 17, chapter 41 of the Virgin Islands Code, relating to Career Day, to expand Career Day into Career Week in Virgin Islands public high schools

Invited Testifier:

The Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

Bill No. [35-0055](#) An Act amending title 17 of the Virgin Islands Code pertaining to school curriculum in elementary and secondary schools

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education
Dr. Kyza A. Callwood, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education
Mario C. Moorhead, Author/Historian/Activist

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 24, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

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