



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
March 20, 2023 – March 31, 2023

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 purposes.

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 Giff, Veteran, United States Army

LUNCH**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****Reserved****WEDNESDAY,****MARCH 22, 2023****CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK****Reserved****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

Reserved

**MONDAY,
MARCH 27, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 28, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 29, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 30, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 31, 2023**

TRANSFER DAY

HOLIDAY
