



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
April 03, 2023 – April 14, 2023

MONDAY,
APRIL 03, 2023

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

TUESDAY,
APRIL 04, 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 Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Bill No. [35-0054](#)

An Act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 7, section 103b, relating to the Centennial Treasures Award, to provide for a single, lumpsum award payment.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Kimberly Causey-Gomez, Commissioner, Department of Human Services
Ms. Jenifer C. O'Neal, Director, V.I. Office of Management and Budget

BLOCK II**11:15 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.****Bill No. [35-0050](#)**

An Act amending the Virgin Islands Code, title 3 , chapter 7, by designating the existing provisions as subchapter I and adding a subchapter II establishing the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance within the Virgin Islands Department of Education for budgetary purposes; amending title 33, chapter 111, section 3092a, changing the Education Maintenance Fund to the School Construction, Maintenance and Capital Fund; and making an appropriation of \$2,500,000 from the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund to the School Construction, Maintenance and Capital Fund and for other related purposes.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Education

The Honorable Bosede A. Bruce, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Finance

Dr. Kyza Callwood, Chairman, V.I. Board of Education

Ms. Jeanette Smith-Barry, Resident, Former STT/STJ District Superintendent

BLOCK III**2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.****Bill No. [35-0026](#)**

An Act amending title 22 Virgin Islands Code relating to insurers becoming members of a Federal Home Loan Bank and matters relating thereto.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Glendina Matthew, Esq., Acting Director, Division of Banking, Insurance, and Financial Regulations

Mr. George Dudley, Esq., Dudley Newman Feuerzeig LLP (representing Guardian Insurance Company)

Jonathan West, Chief Legal Advisor Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank NY

Theresa Fabella, President, Virgin Islands Insurance Guaranty Association & Dorchester Insurance Company

Jeremy Austin, Vice President, Keswick Guaranty, Inc.

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 05, 2023**

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

SPECIAL SESSION

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

SPECIAL SESSION – OFFICIAL AGENDA

Time:	10:00 A.M.
Call to Order:	Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr. Senate President
Invocation:	Reverend Charles L. Brown, Jr. Chaplain, 35 th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Anthem:	National Anthem and Virgin Islands March
Roll Call:	Honorable Carla J. Joseph Legislative Secretary

CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA

Pursuant to Section 7 (a) of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended for the United States Virgin Islands, the 35th Legislature will convene in Special Session called by the Honorable Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the United States Virgin Islands. The 35th Legislature will dissolve into Committee of the Whole to receive testimony and will then rise into Session to vote on the matter.

BR No. 23-0485 An Act authorizing the Governor to utilize monies from public funds of the Virgin Islands to create working capital to provide funds for any purpose for which the Government is authorized to use and expend monies, including but not limited to, current expenses, capital expenditures, and discharge of any obligations of the Government for the next three fiscal years, beginning with 2023 and to issue a line of credit in the maximum amount of \$150,000,000 and issue tax anticipation notes to provide funding for authorized governmental operations

Invited Testifiers:

Jenifer C. O’Neal, Director, Office of Management and Budget
The Honorable Bosede A. Bruce, Commissioner, VI Department of Finance
Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery
Nathan Simmonds, Director, Finance and Administration, Public Finance Authority
Kye Walker, Esq., The Walker Legal Group
Andrew Smith, Executive Director, VI Water and Power Authority

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 06, 2023**

HOLY THURSDAY

HOLIDAY

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 07, 2023**

GOOD FRIDAY

HOLIDAY

**MONDAY,
APRIL 10, 2023**

EASTER MONDAY

HOLIDAY

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 11, 2023**

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

**Committee on Rules and Judiciary
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 12, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN**

**Committee on Economic Development
and Agriculture**

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**, at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** on St. Thomas.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M.

The Committee will receive an update from the President of the University of Virgin Islands, School of Agriculture about its programs, funding availability and grants as well as successes and challenges with the program.

Invited Testifier:

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

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12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

BLOCK II

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

The Committee will receive an update on the overall status of the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority with regards to funded programs and grants within the VIEDA; as well as an update on the implementation of the Vision 2040 plan, and Capital Projects and Personnel.

Invited Testifier:

Wayne L. Biggs, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 13, 2023**

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

**REGULAR SESSION
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 14, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved
