



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
April 10, 2023 – April 21, 2023

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
9:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary is scheduled to meet on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**, at **9:00 A.M.** in the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, VI** to receive testimony on the following:

BLOCK I

Governor's Nominations

Mr. Aaron Hutchinson, Virgin Islands Territorial Park Board of Trustees

Mr. Celestino A. White, Sr., Virgin Islands Port Authority Governing Board

The Honorable Harold W.L. Willocks, Virgin Islands Superior Court Judge, St. Croix District

Carol Thomas-Jacobs, Esq., Virgin Islands Superior Court Judge, St. Thomas District

Mr. Willard John, Virgin Islands Port Authority Governing Board

BLOCK II

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.

Bill No. [35-0013](#) An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, 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.

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.

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.

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.

BLOCK III

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.

Bill No. [35-0049](#) An Act amending title 7, chapter 1, of the Virgin Islands Code by adding subchapter VIII, establishing a Local Food and Farm Council in accordance with mandate five of the Virgin Islands Agricultural Plan.

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

BLOCK IV

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.

- 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
- Bill No. [35-0028](#)** An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 1, part 1, chapter 3, section 43I, adding TRICARE to medical payment reimbursements subject to the 2.5 percent Virgin Islands gross receipts tax.
- 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
- 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.

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 12, 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 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**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 14, 2023**

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

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

REGULAR SESSION - OFFICIAL AGENDA

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

The Thirty-Fifth Legislature will step down from Legislative Session into Committee of the Whole to consider the following:

OLC No. 3309-2022 CZM Permit CZT-3-20, Independent Boatyard and Marina

Invited Testifiers:

Erika Kellerhals, Esq., Managing Partner, Kellherhals Ferguson Kroblin PLLC

Jim Kellogg, Representative, Independent Boatyard and Marina

Bill No. [35-0063](#) An Act approving the conveyance by the Virgin Islands Port Authority to the University of the Virgin Islands of Tract E, Parcel 72 Estate Lindbergh Bay, 4A Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, in exchange for the University of the Virgin Islands' conveyance to the Virgin Islands Port Authority of Parcel No. 66-5 Estate Lindbergh Bay St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Carlton Dowe, Director, Virgin Islands Port Authority

David Hall, LL.M, SJD, President, University of the Virgin Islands

The **Thirty-Fifth Legislature** then will rise out of Committee of the Whole and convene into Legislative Session to consider the following:

Committee Reports: Chairperson of Committees

CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS

Luther F. Renee

Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission

Aaron Hutchinson

Virgin Islands Territorial Park Board of Trustees

(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Hearing)

Celestino A. White, Sr.

Re-nomination, Virgin Islands Port Authority Governing Board

(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)

Willard John

Re-nomination, Virgin Islands Port Authority Governing Board

(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)

Carol Thomas-Jacobs, Esq.

Virgin Islands Superior Court Judge, St. Thomas District

(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)

Honorable Harold W.L. Willocks

Re-nomination, Virgin Islands Superior Court Judge, St. Croix District
(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)

CONSIDERATION OF LEASES

- 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 **(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)**
- 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 **(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)**
- 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 **(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)**
- 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 **(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)**

CONSIDERATION OF ZONINGS

- 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)

- Bill No. [35-0022](#)** An Act granting a zoning use variance for Plot No. 2-137 Estate Sion Hill, Queens Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, from the R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to allow for a beauty salon
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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)
- Bill No. [35-0053](#)** An Act granting a zoning use variance for Parcel No. 84 Estate Contact, No. 7B, Southside Quarter, St. Thomas Virgin Islands from the R-3 (Residential-Medium Density) zoning designation to allow for offices

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- Bill No. [35-0004](#)** An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 706 and chapter 28 A, 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 **(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)**
- 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 undeserved people in the Virgin Islands; to rename that 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. [35-0007](#)** 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
- 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 **(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)**
- 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. [35-0013](#)** An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, 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 **(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)**
- 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 **(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)**
- Bill No. [35-0028](#)** An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 1, part 1, chapter 3, section 431, adding TRICARE to medical payment reimbursements subject to the 2.5 percent Virgin Islands gross receipts tax **(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)**
- 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 11, 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 **(Pending April 11, 2023, Committee on Rules & Judiciary Meeting)**

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(Pending April 11, 2023, Rules & Judiciary Meeting)

**MONDAY,
APRIL 17, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 18, 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**

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 19, 2023**

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

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

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 20, 2023**

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

**Committee on Education
and Workforce Development
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 21, 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**

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks has scheduled a hearing for **Friday, April 21, 2023**, at **10:00 AM** at the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** on **St. Thomas** to receive testimony and updates regarding the progress and challenges of the Department of Sports, Parks & Recreation concerning their projects and their mission to provide high-quality, accessible programs, services, and facilities that enhance the quality of life for all ages, cultures, and abilities, as well as an overview and updates from the Department of Tourism regarding the upcoming cultural celebration of the 2023 St. Thomas Carnival.

BLOCK I:

10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Updates and overview of the Department of Sports, Parks & Recreation pertinent to their progress and challenges concerning their projects and providing high-quality, accessible programs, services, and facilities that enhance the quality of life for all ages, cultures, and abilities, (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats). Additionally, provide an update on the department's role during the cultural celebration of the 2023 St. Thomas Carnival.

Invited Testifier:

The Honorable Calvert White, Commissioner, Department of Sports, Parks & Recreation

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12:30 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

BLOCK II**1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

Update on the cultural celebration of the 2023 St. Thomas Carnival, the roles of the Division of Festivals, and the Cultural Heritage Institute during the 2023 Carnival celebration. This update will include but is not limited to, a comprehensive overview of their functions, tasks, deliverables, timelines, goals, projections, and how they plan to implement cultural inclusivity for the 2023 St. Thomas Carnival.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Joseph Boschulte, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Tourism

Ian Turnbull, Director, Division of Festivals, Virgin Islands Department of Tourism

The Members of the Cultural Heritage Institute
