



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
April 24, 2023 – May 05, 2023

MONDAY,
APRIL 24, 2023

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

**Committee on Housing,
Transportation, and Telecommunications - Continuation**
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunication has scheduled a hearing for **Monday, April 24, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.** at the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** on **St. Thomas** to receive Telecommunications Update on status and future of provider operations and services, status of broadband implementation and future of telecommunications in the territory.

BLOCK I

Telecommunications Update on status and future of provider operations and services, status of broadband implementation and future of telecommunications in the territory.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
Mr. Stephan Adams, CEO, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN)
Mr. Rupert Ross, Director, V.I. Bureau of Information Technology
Mr. Bala Balakrishnan, General Manager, Liberty Mobile VI
Ms. Geraldine Pitt, CEO, Viya, Inc.
Mr. Mark Hodge, Legal Counsel, T-Mobile, Virgin Islands
Mr. Douglas Canton, St. Croix Government Retirees, Inc.
Ms. Rhea Hodge, St. Croix Government Retirees, Inc.
Ms. Rosa White Cromwell, St. Croix Government Retirees, Inc.

LUNCH

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

BLOCK II

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

An update on public transportation and on road construction and repairs from the Department of Public Works.

Invited Testifier:

The Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

**MONDAY,
APRIL 24, 2023**

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

**Perma Plaque Ceremony
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands will host a Perma Plaque Ceremony honoring Mr. Kelly L. Charleswell, Sr.

Mistress of Ceremonies	Mrs. Kurell Sheridan , Executive Director
Invocation	Reverend Charles Brown, Jr. , Chaplain
Welcoming Remarks	Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr. , Senate President
Bill Sponsor Remarks	Honorable Donna A. Frett-Gregory , Senator
Video Presentation	
Testimonials/Remarks	Robert “Sperm” Leonard , Keyboard Player, Eddie & The Movements, Jam Band Roy “Luvy” Chesterfield , Drummer, Eddie & The Movements, Jam Band Delvin Duggins, Sr. , Legendary DJ/Radio Personality Jerry “Azik” Meyers , Bass Player, 17 Plus Band Alwyn “Daddy Jones” Baptiste, Jr. , Keyboard & Musical Arrangement, Jam Band
Presentation of Resolution	
<u>Resolution No. 1903</u>	An Act honoring and commending Kelly L. Charleswell, Sr. better known as “Pupa Kelly” for his contribution to the people of the Virgin Islands in the field of music as a teacher and instructor in the Public School system and his involvement with the musical bands of the Virgin Islands
Video Presentation	
Closing Remarks	Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr. , Senate President
Benediction	Reverend Charles Brown, Jr. , Chaplain

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 25, 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.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** in **St. Thomas**. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. [35-0016](#)

A Resolution honoring and commending the Board of Elections; the Supervisor of Elections, Caroline Fawkes, and the entire Virgin Islands Election System team for their tireless service and contributions to the Virgin Islands community and on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of the Election System of the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. John Abramson, Former Supervisor, Election Systems of the Virgin Islands
Ms. Claudette Georges, Former Board Member, Virgin Islands Board of Elections
Ms. Alecia M. Wells, Chair, Virgin Islands Board of Elections
Ms. Caroline Fawkes, Supervisor, Election System of the Virgin Islands
Mr. Keith Richards, Former Board Member, Virgin Islands Board of Elections
Ms. Lorna Thomas, Former Board Member, Virgin Islands Board of Elections

BLOCK II

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. [35-0027](#)

An Act honoring and commending Mr. Myron Corbett posthumously for his many contributions to the youth of the Territory; renaming the basketball court located in Anna's Retreat, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands as "The Myron Corbett Basketball Court"; making an appropriation to erect signage at the basketball court; and for other related purposes.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Shayla Solomon, Resident
Mr. Kaylen Gregory, Resident
Mr. Omari Peterkin, Resident

BLOCK III**1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. 35-0062 A Resolution honoring and commending Gregory Hodge, b.k.a. DJ Avalanche for his outstanding contributions as a disk jockey, radio talk show host, and entertainer and presenting to him the Official Key to the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Ian Turnbull, Director, Divisions of Festivals

Mr. Rikky Baynes, Operations Manager, Smiths Ferry

Mr. Gregory Hodge, DJ Avalanche

LUNCH**2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.****BLOCK IV****3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Islands Lottery including but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, current department challenges, and plan of action to resolve challenges.

Invited Testifier:

Mr. Raymond Williams, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Lottery

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 26, 2023**

Carnival Food Fair Day

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 27, 2023**

Carnival J'ouvert

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 28, 2023**

Carnival Children's Parade Day

Reserved

**MONDAY,
MAY 01, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**TUESDAY,
MAY 02, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 03, 2023**

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

**Committee on Health, Hospitals,
and Human Services
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a hearing on **Wednesday, May 03, 2023**, at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** on **St. Thomas**. During this Committee Hearing, the representatives from the Schneider Regional Medical Center, Myrah Keating Smith Clinic and the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center will present operational updates relative to their respective facilities and will discuss other key components as it relates to their responsibilities.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operational and implementation status of the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Doug Koch, Chief Executive Officer, Governor Juan F, Luis Hospital & Medical Center

Mr. Christopher F. Finch, Chairman. Virgin Islands Government Health, and Hospital Corporation

Mr. Darryl A. Smalls, Executive Director of Facilities & Corporate Development Territorial Hospital Redevelopment Team

LUNCH

1:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

BLOCK II

2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operational and the redevelopment status of the Schneider Regional Medical Center, St. Thomas and the Myrah Keating Smith Clinic, St. John.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Tina Comissiong, Esq., Chief Executive Officer, Schneider Regional Medical Center

Mr. Christopher E. Finch, Chairman, Virgin Islands Government Health, and Hospital Corporation

Mr. Darryl A. Smalls, Executive Director of Facilities & Corporate Development Territorial Hospital Redevelopment Team

**THURSDAY,
MAY 04, 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**

**FRIDAY,
MAY 05, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved