



## 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

### REVISED SENATE CALENDAR

May 05, 2023 – May 12, 2023

**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

**Dr. Jerry Smith, M.D.**, District Governing Board Chairman, Schneider Regional Medical Center

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

**THURSDAY,  
MAY 04, 2023**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**FRIDAY,  
MAY 05, 2023**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**MONDAY,  
MAY 08, 2023**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**TUESDAY,  
MAY 09, 2023**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.**

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**Committee on Budget, Appropriations,  
and Finance  
10:00 A.M.  
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

**BLOCK I: 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

Update on the status of the premium pay distributions and the American Rescue Plan Act \$500 Stipends to Social Security Recipients.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Jenifer C. O'Neal**, Director, Office of Management and Budget

**BLOCK II: 11:45 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

Update on the status of the Compliance Agreement between the U.S. Virgin Islands and the U.S. Department of Education as a result of the U.S. Virgin Islands being designated a "high-risk grantee" under 34 CFR § 80.12.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, EdD**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Education

**Honorable Jenifer C. O'Neal**, Director, Office of Management and Budget

**Honorable Bosede Bruce**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Finance

**Honorable Kimberly Causey-Gomez**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Human Services

**Ms. Lisa Alejandro**, Acting Commissioner, V.I. Department of Property and Procurement

**Honorable Justa Encarnacion**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Health

**Sharon Murphy**, Partner, McConnell & Jones, LLP

**BLOCK III: 1:45 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

**Bill No. [35-0012](#)** An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 19, subchapter III, section 1556 relating to the retirement from the National Guard to increase the retirement pension

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Major General Kodjo S. Knox-Limbacker**, Adjutant General, V.I. National Guard

**Honorable Jenifer C. O'Neal**, Director, V.I. Office of Management and Budget

**BLOCK IV:****2:45 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**Bill No. [35-0034](#)** An Act appropriating \$3,200,000 from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund (“Fund”) as a loan to the Virgin Islands Port Authority (“VIPA”) to cover legal, engineering, financial and other consulting fees associated with the Public Private Partnership project to modernize and enhance the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport on St. Croix and the Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas, and requiring the VIPA repay the funds to the Fund within 90 days after the effective date of the contract.

**Invited Testifiers:****Mr. Carlton Dowe**, Executive Director, V.I. Port Authority**Mr. Willard John**, Chairman, V.I. Port Authority Governing Board**Honorable Jenifer C. O’Neal**, Director, V.I. Office of Management and Budget

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**WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 10, 2023**

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

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**Committee on Rules and Judiciary****09:00 A.M.****Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**


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The Committee on Rules and Judiciary is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, **at 9:00 A.M.** in the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room** located at 3022 Estate Golden Rock, **St. Croix**, VI 00820 to receive testimony on the following:

**BLOCK I**

Governor’s Re-Nomination:

**Judge Harold Willocks**, The Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, District of St. Croix

Governor’s Nomination:

**Yvette D. Ross-Edwards, Esq.**, The Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, District of St. Croix

Governor’s Nomination:

**Ariel M. Smith, Esq.**, The Virgin Islands Attorney General, Virgin Islands Department of Justice

Governor’s Nomination:

**Ms. Anna Wallace**, The Virgin Islands Territorial Park Board of Trustees

**BLOCK II**

- Bill No. [35-0012](#)** An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 19, subchapter III, section 1556 relating to the retirement from the National Guard to increase the retirement pension
- 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
- 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.

**BLOCK III**

- Bill No. [35-0034](#)** An Act appropriating \$3,200,000 from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund ("Fund") as a loan to the Virgin Islands Port Authority ("VIPA") to cover legal, engineering, financial and other consulting fees associated with the Public Private Partnership project to modernize and enhance the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport on St. Croix and the Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas, and requiring the VIPA repay the funds to the Fund within 90 days after the effective date of the contract.
- 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.

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**THURSDAY,  
MAY 11, 2023**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

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**FRIDAY,  
MAY 12, 2023**

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