



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
May 22, 2023 – June 02, 2023

MONDAY,
MAY 22, 2023

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

Committee of Homeland Security, Justice,
and Public Safety

12:00 P.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, and Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for 12:00 noon, Monday, May 22, 2023, in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix. The Committee is expected to receive overview testimony from a number of entities relative to the state of readiness ahead of the 2023 Hurricane Season. Topics to be discussed will include infrastructure, shelters, emergency housing, public safety and more. The hearing will be conducted in person.

BLOCK I

12:00 P.M.

Invited Testifiers:

Daryl Jaschen, Director, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency

Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department

MG Kodjo S. Knox-Limbaker, Adjutant General, Virgin Islands National Guard

Honorable Kimberly Causey-Gomez, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Human Services

Mr. Daryl A. George, Sr., Director, Virgin Islands Fire Department/Emergency Management Services

Ms. Tina Beazer, Senior Program Manager, American Red Cross

TUESDAY,
MAY 23, 2023

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

Older Americans Month

Mock Session

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 24, 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

BLOCK I:

The Committee on Education and Workforce Development will receive a status update from the Virgin Islands Department of Labor, the Virgin Islands State Workforce Development Board, the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board, M1 Enterprises USVI, LLC and 340 Integrated Project Team.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Labor

Mr. Michael Carty, Chairman, Virgin Islands State Workforce Development Board

Ms. Joane Murphy, Chair, Virgin Islands Career & Technical Education Board

Mr. Douglas Rideout, CEO, M1 Enterprises USVI, LLC

Alex Isaac, President/CEO, 340 Integrated Project Team

BLOCK II:

Bill No. [35-0066](#) An Act amending the Virgin Islands Code, title 17, chapter 5, relating to the course of study in public schools, by adding section 41j to establish the Reading Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Program in the public schools of the Virgin Islands

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, EdD, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

Dr. Kyza A. Callwood, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education

Mrs. Emmanuella Perez-Cassius, Citizen

**THURSDAY,
MAY 25, 2023**

AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY

**African Liberation Day Ceremony
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**FRIDAY,
MAY 26, 2023**

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

**Committee on Housing,
Transportation, and Telecommunications
09:00 A.M.
VIHFA, Tax Credit Properties, St. Thomas Senior Communities Tour**

**MONDAY,
MAY 29, 2023**

MEMORIAL DAY

HOILDAY

**TUESDAY,
MAY 30, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 31, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.**

**Committee on Government Operations,
Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall in St. Thomas. The purpose of this meeting is to receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission and to receive and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I

9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

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

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Vernice Gumbs, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

Ms. Loretta Lloyd, Chairwoman, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Board

BLOCK II

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Bill No. [35-0036](#) An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 274, subsection (f), paragraph (11) to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Vernice Gumbs, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

Ms. Loretta Lloyd, Chairwoman, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Board

Mr. Toya Malone, Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

BLOCK III**12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Bill No. [35-0008](#) An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 8a relating to the Office of Veterans Affairs to establish the Veterans Council under the Office of Veterans Affairs to serve as advisor to the Office of Veterans Affairs and as a liaison between the Office of Veterans Affairs and all private entities serving veterans in the Territory.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Patrick Farrell, Director, Office of Veterans Affairs

Ms. Erma Chase, Executive Director, Meeting the Needs of Our Community

Mrs. Andrea Shillingford, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands

Ms. Hillis Benjamin, Commander, American Legion, Post 90

Mr. Secundo Romano-Cruz, Commander American Legion Post 102

Major General Kodjo S. Knox-Limebacker, Adjutant General Virgin Islands National Guard

BLOCK IV**2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

Bill No. [35-0033](#) An Act honoring and commending Mr. Benburin “Benny” Stephens posthumously for his heroism in saving the lives of a mother and her children and to rename the Bovoni Road (Route No. 30), specifically from the entrance of the Abattoir to the entrance of the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School, “The Benburin “Benny” Stephens Drive”.

Invited Testifiers:

Mrs. Beverly Stephens-Samuel, Resident

Ms. Monife G. Stout, Resident

Mr. Ariel Brathwaite, Resident

Mr. Robert Chalwell, Resident

BLOCK V**3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

Bill No. [35-0075](#) An Act to designate the third Monday in February as Virgin Islands Governors Day.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Shawn M. Malone, Former Senator

The Honorable Myron D. Jackson, Former Senator

The Honorable Vargrave Richards, Former Lt. Governor

The Honorable Stedmann Hodge, Jr., Former Senator/State Chair of the Democratic Party of the Virgin Islands

**THURSDAY,
JUNE 01, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
JUNE 02, 2023**

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