



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
May 29, 2023 – June 09, 2023

MONDAY,
MAY 29, 2023

Memorial Day

HOLIDAY

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

Honorable Richard T. Evangelista, Esq., Commissioner, Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

The Honorable Janelle K. Sarauw, Former Senator

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. Secumdo 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****CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK****Reserved****MONDAY,
JUNE 05, 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**

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 06, 2023**

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

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations,
and Finance**

9:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 07, 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, June 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas. During this Committee Hearing, the representatives from the Department of Health, St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation, Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure, Virgin Islands Healthcare Foundation, Office of Collective Bargaining, MASA Global, and Skymed will present operational updates relative to their respective facilities and will discuss other key components as it relates to their responsibilities.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operational status of the Department of Health, Virgin Islands Healthcare Foundation, and Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure. The Office of Collective Bargaining will provide a status update on nurse contracts throughout the territory.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion, Commissioner, Department of Health

Ms. Aminah Saleem, Board Member, Virgin Islands Healthcare Foundation

Ms. Tancia Penn, MSN, RN, Chairwoman, Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure

Ms. Joss N. Springette, Esq., Chief Negotiator, Office of Collective Bargaining

The Committee will receive testimony on the operational and the development status of the St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation. Air ambulatory companies, MASA Global and Skymed, will provide testimonies on their operational status and key services they provide to the residents of this territory.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Carl Callwood, Chairman, St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation

Mr. Steven Mayers, Chief Financial Officer, St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation

Mr. Marcus Hernandez, Esq., Legal Counsel, MASA Global

Ms. Linda Bruton, Vice-President, Skymed

**THURSDAY,
JUNE 08, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
JUNE 09, 2023**

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

**The Committee of the Whole
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**
