



**35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**SENATE CALENDAR**  
**February 20, 2023 – March 03, 2023**

**MONDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2023**

**PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**Holiday**

**TUESDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 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**

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chamber to receive testimony from the Government's Financial Team on the financial overview of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Jenifer O'Neal, Director,** Office of Management and Budget  
**The Honorable Bosede Bruce,** Commissioner, Department of Finance  
**Mr. Joel Lee,** Director, V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue  
**Mr. Ira Mills,** Tax Assessor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
**Mr. Brent Leerdam,** Tax Collector, Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
**Ms. Cindy Richardson,** Director, Division of Personnel  
**Ms. Joss Springette, Esq.,** Chief Negotiator, Office of Collective Bargaining

**WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN**

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**Committee Culture, Youth,  
Aging, Sports, and Parks  
10:00 A.M.**

**Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

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The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks has scheduled a hearing on **Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 10:00 A.M.** in the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix** to receive testimony and updates regarding the progress and challenges associated with the upcoming 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Emancipation Celebration. We will receive information from representatives of the 175<sup>th</sup> Emancipation Commemoration Committee, local government agencies, committees, and commissions with jurisdiction and roles over the 175<sup>th</sup> Emancipation Celebration, and other organizations and stakeholders relevant to this historic event.

**BLOCK I:**

**10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

Updates and status of preparations for the 175<sup>th</sup> Emancipation Commemoration, including reporting from the sub-committees, timelines, tasks, roles, & responsibilities, and any challenges that the committee is facing.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Carol M. Burke, Chairwoman, and other members, 175<sup>th</sup> Emancipation Commemoration Committee**

**LUNCH**

**12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

**BLOCK II:**

**1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

Updates from Virgin Islands Government agencies with jurisdiction, roles, and responsibilities over the 175<sup>th</sup> Emancipation Celebration and how they plan to assist the 175<sup>th</sup> Emancipation Commemoration Committee.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**The Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources

**Mr. Sean Krigger**, Deputy SHPO, State Historic Preservation Office/VI Historic Preservation Commission

**Mr. Jose Raul Carillo**, Chair of the Board, Virgin Islands Council on the Arts

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

**The Honorable Derek Gabriel**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Public Works

**Mr. Roger E. Merritt**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority

**BLOCK III:****3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

Updates from stakeholders and organizations associated with the 175th Emancipation Celebration and how they plan to assist the 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Luana Wheatley**, President, St. Thomas Historical Trust

**Ms. Sonia Jacobs Dow**, Executive Director, St. Croix Landmarks Society

**Ms. Pamela Richards**, President, St. John Historic Society

**Ms. Frandelle Gerard**, Executive Director, Crucian Heritage, and Nature Tourism

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**THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 23, 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  
10:00 A.M.  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

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**FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 24, 2023**

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

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**Committee on Health, Hospitals,  
and Human Services  
TOUR  
11:15 A.M.  
Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center - North**

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**MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

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

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

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**TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

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

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**Committee on Government Operations,  
Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection  
10:00 A.M.  
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 01, 2023**

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

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**Committee on Health, Hospitals,  
and Human Services  
10:00 A.M.  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

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The Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human will be conducting a hearing on **Wednesday, March 01, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on the island of St. Croix.** The Committee is meeting to hear operational updates from the following:

**BLOCK I:**

**10:00 A.M. — 1:00 P.M.**

**Juan F. Luis Hospital-North**

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

**Mr. Douglas Koch**, Chief Executive Officer, Juan F. Luis Hospitals

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

**LUNCH**

**1:00 P.M. — 01:30 P.M.**

**BLOCK II:**

**1:30 P.M. — 02:30 P.M.**

**Frederiksted Healthcare, Inc.**

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Masserae Sprauve-Webster**, Chief Executive Director, Frederiksted Healthcare, Inc.

**THURSDAY,  
MARCH 02, 2023**

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

**The Committee of the Whole  
10:00 A.M.  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

**FRIDAY,  
MARCH 03, 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**