



**35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**SENATE CALENDAR**  
**August 26, 2024 – September 06, 2024**

**MONDAY,**  
**AUGUST 26, 2024**

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

**Committee on Rules and Judiciary**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled the second phase of its Inaugural Legislative Symposium for **Monday, August 26, 2024, at 9:30 AM** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands** to discuss and advance the proposed amendments to the Virgin Islands Code amendments.

The Legislative Symposium's purpose is to expedite proposed amendments to the sections of the Code that directly impact each department's operations and functions as this event initiates the urgent process of updating antiquated sections of the Virgin Islands Code. The goal is for the agencies to present areas of the Code that require the immediate attention of the Legislative body. As a legislator and, most importantly, as the chair of this committee, it is my duty to provide all stakeholders with the opportunity to make the necessary, time-sensitive, well-needed amendments.

**TUESDAY,**  
**AUGUST 27, 2024**

**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**

The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance has scheduled a hearing to receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

**9:00 A.M.**                      **V.I. Board of Nurse Licensure**  
**Ms. Tancia Penn, MSN, RN, Chairperson**

**12:30 P.M.**                      **V.I. Law Enforcement Planning Commission**  
**Mr. Moleto Smith, V.I. Law Enforcement Planning Commission**

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**WEDNESDAY,**  
**AUGUST 28, 2024**

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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**

**9:00 A.M.**  
**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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The Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications has scheduled a meeting for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall in St. Thomas.

**BLOCK I** **9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

Update and discussion on the progress of the housing programs under the purview of the V.I. Housing Finance Authority, including the status of homeownership programs throughout the territory; the outlook for affordable housing and homeownership in the territory; the status of home repair programs; the status of the emergency housing programs administered by the Authority; and lastly the status of programs to combat housing instability.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Eugene Jones**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority  
**Adrienne L. Williams-Octalien**, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery

**BLOCK II** **11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

Update and discussion on transportation matters in the territory, including the status of roads and road projects and the status of public transportation, including bus and passenger ferry services.

**Invited Testifier:****Honorable Derek Gabriel**, Commissioner, Department of Public Works**LUNCH** **1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.****BLOCK III** **1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.**

Update and discussion on telecommunication issues that impact the economy and the quality of life for Virgin Islands residents. As well as an update on the status of present infrastructure projects and plans for future development, with a focus on planning and utilization of federal broadband funding.

**Invited Testifiers:****Attorney Ileana Canellas**, Managing Corporate Counsel, T-Mobile Puerto Rico**Ravindra Maywahlall**, Country Manager, Liberty USVI**Geraldine Pitt**, Chief Executive Officer, Viya**Stephan Adams**, Chief Executive Officer, VI Next Generation Network**Honorable Derek Gabriel**, Commissioner, Department of Public Works**Karl Knight**, Chief Executive Officer, VI Water & Power Authority**Ms. Kimika Woods**, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget

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**THURSDAY,**  
**AUGUST 29, 2024**


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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**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
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**9:00 A.M.**                      **V.I. Economic Development Authority**  
**Mr. Wayne Biggs, Chief Executive Officer**

12:30 P.M.

V.I. Department of Property and Procurement  
Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner

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FRIDAY,  
AUGUST 30, 2024

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

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Committee on 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 for **Friday, August 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM** at the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix** to receive testimony and updates regarding the status of the Department of Human Services, Lutheran Social Services, St. Croix Foundation for Community Development, and Paradise48 Film Festival.

**BLOCK I**

**10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

The committee will receive testimony from Lutheran Social Services on its operations and services provided to the community. The committee will also receive testimonies from the Department of Human Services on the operation of senior citizen and youth programs, including but not limited to their challenges and successes.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Junia John-Straker**, CEO, Lutheran Social Service

**Honorable Averil George**, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

**LUNCH**

**12:00 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.**

**BLOCK II****1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

The committee will hear testimony from the St. Croix Foundation for Community Development on the status of the recent KIDS COUNT report and recommendations. It will also hear testimony from the Paradise48 Film Festival programs and services.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Deanna James**, Director, St. Croix Foundation for Community Development (KIDS COUNT)

**Laurika Jude**, Founder, Paradise48 Film Festival

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**MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 02, 2024**

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**Labor Day**

**Holiday**

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**TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 03, 2024**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY  
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**Committee on Budget,  
Appropriations and Finance**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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The Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance will meet on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chamber to receive close out testimony from the Governor's Financial Team on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Kimika Woods**, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget

**Mr. Joel Lee**, Director, V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue

**Mr. Brent Leerdam**, Tax Collector, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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

**Honorable Kevin McCurdy**, Commissioner, Department of Finance

**Mr. Ira R. Mills**, Tax Assessor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**Ms. Cindy Richardson**, Director, Division of Personnel

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**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 04, 2024**

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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  
9:00 A.M.  
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**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 05, 2024**

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

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**Committee on Disaster Recovery,  
Infrastructure and Planning  
10:00 A.M.  
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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**FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 06, 2024**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

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