



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
REVISED SENATE CALENDAR
December 09, 2024 – December 20, 2024

MONDAY,
DECEMBER 09, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 10, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 2024

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

Committee on Homeland Security,
Justice and Public Safety
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

Please be advised that the 35th Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for **10:00 am, Wednesday, December 11, 2024, in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.**

The agenda is as follows:

BLOCK I**10:00 A.M.**

Bill No. 35-0417 An Act repealing and reenacting Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 43, section 512 increasing penalties for traffic violations; establishing a Virgin Islands Police Department Impound Lot: and for other related purposes.

Invited Testifiers:

Mario Brooks, Commissioner Nominee, V.I. Police Department
Gordon Rhea, Esq., Attorney General, V.I. Department of Justice

Bill No. [35-0409](#) An Act to amend title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 32, subchapter I to amend the definition of “salvage vehicle purchaser” or “junk vehicle purchaser” to include businesses that includes junk and salvage vehicle businesses and insurance companies and to require salvage vehicle purchasers to file a report with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles that documents the salvage vehicles obtained and sold during a given time period, and to require a penalty for failure to file the report.

Invited Testifiers:

Barbara M. Jackson, Director, Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Julie Smith-Todman, Chief, Office of the Territorial Public Defender

LUNCH**12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.****BLOCK II****1:00 P.M.**

Bill No. 35-0420 An Act amending title 23, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5 by enacting the “Virgin Islands Firearm Serial Number Regulation Act.”

Invited Testifiers:

Gordon Rhea, Esq., Attorney General V.I. Department of Justice
Mario Brooks, Commissioner Nominee V.I. Police Department
Julie Smith-Todman, Chief, Office of the Territorial Public Defender

Bill No. [35-0179](#) An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 61, relating to gambling violations, and title 32 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, relating to the Virgin Islands Lottery Commission, to strengthen the enforcement tools against illegal gambling and lottery

Invited Testifiers:

Gordon Rhea, Esq., Attorney General, V.I. Department of Justice

Raymond Williams, Executive Director, V.I. Lottery

Marvin Pickering, Chief Executive Officer, V.I. Casino Control Commission

Julie Smith-Todman, Esq., Chief Counsel, Office of the Territorial Public Defender

Marjorie Whalen, Esq., President, V.I. Bar Association

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 12, 2024**

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

Committee on Rules and Judiciary

9:30 A.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to consider the following nominations and bills:

BLOCK I

Governor's Nomination

Tahmin O. Clarke, Board Nominee - US Virgin Islands GERS Board of Trustees, St. Thomas District

BLOCK II

Governor's Nomination

Aubrey L. Ruan, Jr., Board Nominee - Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Commission

BLOCK III

Governor's Nomination

Mario Brooks, Commissioner Nominee - Virgin Islands Police Department

BLOCK IV

Bill No. [35-0224](#) An Act amending title 19, part V, chapter 45, subchapter VI to increase access to behavioral health services, with a focus on a Psychiatric Emergency Response Team to provide mobile crisis intervention services, and the 9-8-8 telecommunication system.

Invited Testifiers:

Justa Encarnacion, Commissioner, Department of Health
Hazel Philibert, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center
Tina Comissiong, Chief Executive Officer, Schneider Regional Medical Center
Sandra Setorie, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Public Service Commission

Bill No. [35-0254](#) An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code by adding a chapter 21A establishing the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

Bill No. 35-0419 An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1A by establishing the Virgin Islands Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

Bill No. [35-0336](#) An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part I by establishing the Office of Conflict Counsel, granting personal immunity to individuals providing legal representation or services to indigent defendants, and making an appropriation to establish the Office of Conflict Counsel

Invited Testifiers:

Paul Gimenez, General Counsel, Judiciary of the V.I.
Alisha Udwhani, Esq., Supreme Court's Standing Committee on Indigent Appointments
Gordon Rhea, Esq., Attorney General, Virgin Islands Dept. of Justice
Marjorie V. Whalen, President, Virgin Islands Bar
Shelby Gaddy, Esq., Executive Director, Legal Services of the Virgin Islands
Julie Smith-Todman, Esq., Chief Territorial Public Defender, Office of the Territorial Public Defender

Bill No. 35-0399 An Act amending title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 2, section 99 establishing a mandatory minimum bail amount in domestic violence cases.

Invited Testifier:

Gordon Rhea, Esq., Attorney General, Virgin Islands Dept. of Justice

BLOCK V

Bill No. [35-0410](#) An Act honoring and commending Mr. Salvador “Sal” Sanpere for his dedication and contribution to St. Croix by naming the Christiansted boardwalk in his honor

Invited Testifiers:

Willard John, Resident

Nancy Torres, Resident

John Harper, Resident

Bill No. [35-0411](#) An Act honoring and commending Georgia Francis for her community service and for her contributions to the youth of the Virgin Islands in the area of music and renaming the portion of Rumer Drive beginning at Mandela Circle and continuing to the bottom of the “Dorothy “Dotsy” Lockhart-Elskoe Drive”, the “Georgia Francis Drive”

Invited Testifiers:

Dion Parsons, Resident

Lesley Comissiong, Resident

Dionne R. Donadelle, Resident

BLOCK VI

Bill No. [35-0179](#) An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 61, relating to gambling violations, and title 32 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, relating to the Virgin Islands Lottery Commission, to strengthen the enforcement tools against illegal gambling and lottery.

Bill No. [35-0295](#) An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part III, chapter 29 requiring the Virgin Islands Department of Health to establish and administer the “Virgin Islands Prescription Drug Monitoring Program” to provide prescription drug monitoring, and for other related purpose

Bill No. [35-0408](#) An Act requiring the Department of Health and the Department of Planning and Natural Resources to develop and administer a Territorial Regulated Medical Waste Management Plan including the requisite regulations

- Bill No. [35-0409](#)** An Act to amend title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 32, subchapter I to amend the definition of “salvage vehicle purchaser” or “junk vehicle purchaser” to include businesses that includes junk and salvage vehicle businesses and insurance companies and to require salvage vehicle purchasers to file a report with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles that documents the salvage vehicles obtained and sold during a given time period, and to require a penalty for failure to file the report
- Bill No. 35-0420** An Act amending title 23, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5 by enacting the “Virgin Islands Firearm Serial Number Regulation Act.”
- Bill No. 35-0425** An Act to amend various sections of title 5 Virgin Islands Code
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**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 13, 2024**

**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 35th Legislature’s Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Friday, December 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Financial update from the West Indian Company, Limited for fiscal year 2024 and financial overview of fiscal year 2025.

Invited Testifier:

Anthony Ottley, President, CEO, West Indian Company Limited

BLOCK II**11:45 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.**

Bill No. [35-0108](#) An Act appropriating \$20,000,000 from the Settlement Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and the Estate of Jeffrey E. Epstein; Darren K. Indyke, in his individual capacity and in his capacity as the Co-Executor for the Estate of Jeffrey E. Epstein and Administrator of The 1953 Trust; Richard D. Kahn, in his individual capacity and in his capacity as Co-Executor of the Estate of Jeffrey E. Epstein and Administrator of The 1953 Trust; The 1953 Trust; Plan D, LLC; Great St. James, LLC; Nautilus, Inc.; Hyperion Air, LLC; Poplar, Inc.; Southern Trust Company, Inc.; Maple, Inc.; and Laurel, Inc. (collectively Defendants) to the Department of Public Works for the design and construction of a nursing home on St. Croix and a nursing home on St. Thomas

Invited Testifiers:**Honorable Kevin McCurdy**, Commissioner, Department of Finance**Dwayne Alexander**, Executive Director, V.I. Housing Authority**Honorable Averil George**, Commissioner, Department of Human Services**Angel Dawson, Jr.**, Chief Executive Director, Government Employees' Retirement System**BLOCK III****1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Bill No. 35-0423 An Act approving the Fifth Amendment to Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Coral World (V.I.), Inc. to extend the lease term, provide for additional rent, and incorporate two surveys reflecting the metes and bounds description of the leased premises

Invited Testifiers:**Honorable Lisa Alejandro**, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement**Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol**, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources**Gertrude Prior**, President, Coral World (V.I.), Inc.

Bill No. 35-0414 An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Submarine Base Warehouse, LLC for Parcel Nos. 12, 12A and 145 Consolidated Submarine Base, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands for the purpose of bulk storage, establishing a slate of subtenants on the premises, parking, and other permitted purposes

Invited Testifiers:**Honorable Lisa Alejandro**, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement**Enrique Rodriguez**, Managing Member, Submarine Base Warehouse, LLC

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 16, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

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

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

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OFFICIAL AGENDA

The **Thirty-Fifth Legislature** will convene in a Committee of the Whole Hearing to discuss the draft Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan and to receive testimony on the following zoning permits:

BLOCK I

Discussion on the Draft Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Leia LaPlace-Matthew, Territorial Planner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Marlon Hibbert, Director, Division of Coastal Zone Management, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Nathan Kelly, AICP, President, Horsley Witten Group, Inc.

Bill No. [35-0401](#) An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. STZ-10 for the island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands rezoning Parcel No. 41-51-1 Estate Frydenhoj, No. 3 Red Hook Quarter St. Thomas from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to B-4 (Business-Residential)

Invited Testifiers:

Leia LaPlace-Matthew, Territorial Planner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Clifford Graham, Representative

Bill No. [35-0406](#) An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. STZ-10 for the island of St. Thomas to rezone Parcel No. 3J-1A Estate Mariendahl, No. 4 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to B-2 (Business Secondary/Neighborhood)

Invited Testifiers:

Leia LaPlace-Matthew, Territorial Planner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Clifford Graham, Representative

Bill No. [35-0407](#) An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. STZ-10 for the island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to rezone Parcel No. N-1-Remainder of Tract 1 Estate Nazareth, No. 1 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, from R-2 (Residential-Low-Density-One and Two Family) to P (Public)

Invited Testifiers:

Leia LaPlace-Matthew, Territorial Planner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Vincent Richards, Assistant Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement
Jeffrey Boschulte, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, Boschulte Architecture, LLC

Bill No. [35-0421](#) An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. SCZ-11 to rezone Plot No. 13-A Combined Estate Hogensborg, West End Quarter, St. Croix from R-1 (Residential-Low Density) to R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) and Remainder of Parcel No. 4 Combined Estate Hogensborg, West End Quarter, St. Croix be rezoned from R-1 (Residential-Low Density) to B-3 (Business-Scattered) to allow for a mixed use development

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Leia LaPlace-Matthew, Territorial Planner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Clarence Browne, Representative

BLOCK II

Bill No. [35-0404](#) An Act ratifying the Governor's approval of Minor Coastal Zone Permit No. CZMIW0001-23 issued to Coakley Plantation, LLLP for the installation and the submerged lands occupancy of two 224' long and 3" ODHDPE pipes in approximately 6'-7' of water to be used as an intake and brine discharge for a reverse osmosis plant

Invited Testifiers:

Marlon Hibbert, Director, Division of Coastal Zone Management, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources

David Johnson, General Partner/President, Coakley Plantation, LLLP

Bill No. [35-0422](#) An Act ratifying Minor Coastal Zone Permit No. CZMIW0002-23 issued to 555 Madison Investors V, LLC for the installation of a 408 sq. ft. dock and a four-inch reverse osmosis intake line on and seaward of Plot 7W Estate Nazareth, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Invited Testifiers:

Marlon Hibbert, Director, Division of Coastal Zone Management, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Cristina Zubillaga, President, Madison Investors V, LLC

Bill No. [35-0424](#) An Act ratifying Major Coastal Zone Permit No. CZT-06-21 (L&W) issued to Jack Rock B-A C, LLC for the development of a marina facility consisting of a restaurant, dock, moorings, wave attenuator, storage and services yard, warehouse building, the dredging of 7,200 yards of material, and the use and occupancy of 45.83 acres of submerged land located on and seaward of Parcel No. 3 (Consolidated 9B-A), Estate Nazareth, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Invited Testifiers:

Marlon Hibbert, Director, Division of Coastal Zone Management, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Cristina Blackburn, Manager, Jack Rock B-A C, LLC

**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 18, 2024**

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

**Regular Session
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottery Legislative Hall**

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 19, 2024**

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 20, 2024**

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Reserved
