



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
December 11, 2023 – December 22, 2023

MONDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 2023

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 12, 2023

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

Committee on Homeland Security,
Justice, & 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 a.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2023 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Room on St. Croix. This is an in-person hearing.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M.

Crucian Christmas Festival Safety/Security Update - This update intends to provide an overview of safety and security efforts ahead of this year's Crucian Christmas Festival events. Information provided will relate to security, parking restrictions and accommodations, and other related matters.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department

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

Mr. Ian Turnbull, Director, Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, Division of Festivals

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

Bill No. [35-0178](#) An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 314, to add a section 3732a to allow for the automatic expungement of arrest records upon a finding that the arrest lacked probable cause and amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 881(g), item 9 relating to public records to designate expunged criminal records as confidential records.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Ariel K. Smith, Esq., Attorney General, Virgin Islands Department of Justice

Attorney Julie Smith-Todman, Interim Chief, Office of the Territorial Public Defender

Attorney Dwyer Arce, President, Virgin Islands Bar Association

Attorney Casey Payton, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Justice Initiative

Attorney Russell B. Pate, Managing Partner, The Pate Law Firm

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:

Raymond Williams, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Lottery

Honorable Ariel K. Smith, Esq., Attorney General, Virgin Islands Department of Justice

Attorney Julie Smith-Todman, Interim Chief, Office of the Territorial Public Defender

Attorney Dwyer Arce, President, Virgin Islands Bar Association

WEDNESDAY,**DECEMBER 13, 2023****PRESIDENT: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.****VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN****Committee of the Whole****10:00 A.M.****Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The **Thirty-Fifth Legislature** will convene in a Committee of the Whole Hearing to receive testimony on the following CZM and zoning requests:

Bill No. [35-0199](#)

An Act ratifying the Governor's approval of Minor Coastal Zone Permit No. CZX-22-22W issued to Joel Ureta for the use and occupancy of submerged lands seaward of Heathen Cove, Chenay Bay, St. Croix, Virgin Islands and for the installation of a recreational buoy with a mooring

Invited Testifiers:

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

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

Joel Ureta, Applicant

Bill No. [35-0192](#)

An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. SCZ-18, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, to allow for the rezoning of Plots No. 19 and 20 Prince Street, Town of Frederiksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands and Plots No. 50, 51 and 52 Hospital Street, Frederiksted Town, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, from R-4 (Residential-Medium Density) to R-3 (Residential-Medium Density)

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

BR No. 23-0885

An Act to rezone Plot Nos. 219 and 220 Estate Morning Star, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, from R-1 (Residential-Low Density) to B-3 (Business-Scattered) to use as an event space with associated business activity

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

Positive T. A. Nelson, Applicant

Patricia Evans, Resident

BR No. 23-0886

An Act to rezone Remainder Plot No. 246 Estate Glynn, Queen Quarter, St. Croix from A-2 (Agricultural Zone) to R-4 (Residential-Medium Density) for the addition of a 14-unit guesthouse for long and short-term rentals

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

Shekema George, Applicant

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 14, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 15, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 18, 2023**

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

**Committee on Government Operations,
Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 18, 2023 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix**. The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

The Committee will receive testimony concerning

Bill No. [35-0116](#)

A Resolution honoring and commending Lieutenant Colonel Leayle Gerard Galiber for his leadership in the Virgin Islands National Guard and his dedication to his country and to the people of the Virgin Islands

Invited Testifiers:**LTC Dante P. Galiber**, MD, FACC, Retired**Honorable Gregory Francis**, Former Lt. Governor of the Virgin Islands**LTC Beresford Edwards**, Retired**BLOCK II****11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning

Bill No. [35-0058](#)

An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, by adding a chapter 25 to enact The Public-Private Partnership Agreement Act.

Invited Testifiers:**Honorable Derek A. Gabriel**, Commissioner, Department of Public Works**Mr. Carlton Dowe**, Executive Director, V.I. Port Authority**Mr. Wayne Biggs**, CEO, V.I. Economic Development Authority**Mr. John Wessel**, President, GEC, LLC**Honorable Lisa Alejandro**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Property and Procurement**Mr. Roger Merritt**, Executive Director, V.I. Waste Management Authority**Mr. Andrew Smith**, CEO/Executive Director, V.I. Water and Power Authority**Mr. Robert Graham**, Executive Director, V.I. Housing Authority**Ms. Dayna Clendinen**, Interim Executive Director, V.I. Housing Finance Authority**Mr. Clifford Graham**, Partner, Jackson Development Company, LLC**Mr. Robert Jackson**, Managing Partner, Jackson Development Company, LLC**Mr. Eric Cusin**, Vice-President, J. Benton Construction, LLC**Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Ed.D.**, Commissioner, Department of Education**Mrs. Jennifer Matarangas-King**, Vice President, Public Relations and Governmental Affairs, VIYA**LUNCH****2:00 P.M – 3:30 P.M.****BLOCK III****3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.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

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 19, 2023**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 20, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 21, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 22, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

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