



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
December 18, 2023 – December 29, 2023

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. Ottley Legislative Hall

REGULAR SESSION - OFFICIAL AGENDA

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Call to Order: Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
Senate President

Invocation: Reverend Charles L. Brown, Jr.
Chaplain, 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Anthems: National Anthem and Virgin Islands March

Roll Call: Honorable Carla J. Joseph
Legislative Secretary

Messages and/or Correspondences

Committee Reports: Chairperson of Standing Committees

Special Orders/Overrides:

CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS

H. Nathalie Hodge

Commissioner, V.I. Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

Dr. Louis E. Petersen, Jr.

Commissioner, V.I. Department of Agriculture

Kevin McCurdy

Commissioner, V.I. Department of Finance

Bert Petersen, Jr., M.D.

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CONSIDERATION OF ZONINGS

- Bill No. [35-0189](#)** An Act granting a zoning variance from the R-1 (Residential-Low Density) zoning designation for Plot No. 9A and Parcel No. 10 Estate Grange, Company Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to allow for office and event rental; solar and wind energy development, research and testing of technology; agricultural production and sales; and short-term rentals
- 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)
- Bill No. [35-0213](#)** An Act granting a conditional zoning use variance for Plots Nos. 219 and 220 Estate Morning Star, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, from the R-1 (Residential-Low Density) zoning designation to allow for a restaurant and bar, amphitheater, retail, a barber or beauty salon, short-term rental/guesthouse, and event space rental/rental of commercial space
- Bill No. [35-0214](#)** An Act granting a zoning use variance for Plot No. 246 Estate Glynn, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, from the A-2 (Agricultural Zone) to allow for the construction and operation of a guesthouse under a grouped development with no prohibition on short-term rental usage

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

- Bill No. [35-0102](#)** An Act honoring and commending Ralph A. deChabert, M.D. for outstanding contributions in the medical field to the people of the Virgin Islands and his many civic contributions to the community, especially to the island of St. Croix and to name the Labor and Delivery/Post Partum Unit "Maternity Services" at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center North in his honor
- Bill No. [35-0109](#)** An Act honoring and commending the late Corporal Kendall Emanuel George posthumously for his service as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and for making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve democracy and to keep America and his Virgin Islands homeland safe; naming Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay, St. John "Kendall Emanuel George Drive" South and appropriating \$10,000 to the Department of Public Works for signage at Kendall Emanuel George Drive; and for other related purposes

Bill No. [35-0123](#) An Act to commission and direct the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts to construct and erect a bronze bust of Dr. Alfred O. Heath to be placed next to those of Edith L. Williams, J. Antonio Jarvis and Rothschild Francis in Education Park on the island of St. Thomas, and for other purposes

Bill No. [35-0125](#) An Act honoring and commending the late Police Lieutenant Melbourne Clarke posthumously for his dedication, service, and contributions to the Virgin Islands community in law enforcement by adding the name, "Police Lieutenant Melbourne Clarke Drive", at Route 669 on the island of St. Croix

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Bill No. [35-0013](#) An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 35, relating to the issuance of operators' licenses and identification cards to allow applicants to obtain limited local-purpose identification cards and operators' licenses without providing certain federally required documentation

Bill No. [35-0045](#) An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 407 relating to eligibility for parole release by adding section 4607 to establish Medical Parole Release, Geriatric Parole Release, and Non-Medical Geriatric Parole Release, and for other related purposes

Bill No. [35-0084](#) An Act amending title 11, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, section 1213 to allow businesses operating under a trade name to have the option of renewing the trade name every 2, 6, or 10 years

Bill No. [35-0086](#) An Act amending Title 3, V.I.C., chapter 1, section 10h to require background checks for all IT personnel and employees of the Bureau of Information Technology, agencies that have data centers, and any employee who handles confidential information

Bill No. [35-0099](#) An Act amending title 28, chapter 23, of the Virgin Islands Code relating to the foreclosure of Liens Upon Real Property

Bill No. [35-0119](#) An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code by adding a chapter 7A directing the Department of Health to develop and approve Mobile Integrated Healthcare Programs

Bill No. [35-0127](#) An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 89 relating to the invasion of privacy of accident and crime victims by first Responders

- Bill No. [35-0131](#)** An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 to establish a “Real Time Crime Center” Centralized Data System, within the Virgin Islands Police Department
- Bill No. [35-0173](#)** An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 201, by adding a subchapter V enacting the Safe Haven Newborn Protection Act to provide a mechanism for a newborn infant to be relinquished to a safe environment, for the parents of the newborn infant to remain anonymous if they choose and avoid civil or criminal liability for the act of relinquishing the newborn infant
- Bill No. [35-0175](#)** An Act amending Title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, relating to emergency communications during an emergency and major disasters by adding a subchapter II establishing an Auxiliary Communications Unit within the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency and providing an auxiliary communications resource to any department agency and autonomous or semiautonomous instrumentality of the Government of the Virgin Islands
- Bill No. [35-0194](#)** An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111(a) requiring the Commissioner of Education to hire a School Nurse Supervisor per district and School Health Technicians for every public school in the Territory
- 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
- Bill No. [35-0210](#)** An Act appropriating \$2,500,000 for the purchase of Plot Nos. 53A, 53B, 54A & 54B Kronprindsens Gade, Crown Prince Quarter, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, by and between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Department of Property and Procurement, and Conroy H. Watt and Kenneth I. Sweeney
- Bill No. [35-0219](#)** An Act changing the date for commencing the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands to January 22, 2024
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**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 20, 2023**

LEGISLATIVE RECESS

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 21, 2023**

LEGISLATIVE RECESS

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 22, 2023**

LEGISLATIVE RECESS

Reserved

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 25, 2023**

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holiday

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 26, 2023**

BOXING DAY

Holiday

**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 27, 2023**

LEGISLATIVE RECESS

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 28, 2023**

LEGISLATIVE RECESS

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 29, 2023**

LEGISLATIVE RECESS

Reserved
