



36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
February 03, 2025 – February 14, 2025

MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 03, 2025

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 04, 2025

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 05, 2025

CHAIR: SENATOR KURT A. VIALET
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR AVERY L. LEWIS

Committee on Education
and Workforce Development

9:00 A.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Education and Workforce Development will meet on **Wednesday, February 5, 2025, in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room** to receive testimony on the status of funding for education, student test scores, learning loss, and the maintenance, upgrades, and rebuilding of territorial schools.

BLOCK I

Status of Federal Funds (ARPA, Cares Act, Consolidated Grants) and Imprest Funds

Analysis of student test scores for the 2023-2024 academic year

Strategies used to address learning loss

Status of entrance and exit exams

Plans to address the loss of instructional time due to abbreviated school schedules caused by severe heat

Status of afterschool programs and plans for summer programs

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, EdD, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

BLOCK II

- Update on Arthur A. Richards School Rebuild
- Status of the Claude O. Markoe Gymnasium
- Status and timeline for completion of school kitchen equipment installation in the district of St. Croix
- Status of electrical upgrades for territorial schools
- Status of AC unit installations in schools affected by severe heat
- Summer maintenance plan
- Outline of process to report school-based maintenance issues (work order requests)

Invited Testifier:

Craig Benjamin, Executive Director, Bureau of School Construction & Maintenance

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 06, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 07, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR CLIFFORD A. JOSEPH, SR.**

**Committee on Housing, Transportation
and Telecommunications
9:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications has scheduled a meeting for **Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.**

BLOCK I

Update and discussion on key matters related to the operations of the Department of Public Works. Providing the department's short- and long-term goals, staffing updates, transportation and bus route extensions, ferry operations, engineering services to GVI agencies, and the current state of the territory's roads, bridges, and cemeteries. As well as the challenges the Department is facing and their plans to address them to better serve the residents of our territory.

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

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BLOCK II

Discussion on the operations of the Virgin Island Waste Management Authority as it relates to their plans and priorities for the coming year. Update on the status of staffing, payroll challenges and vendor payments. In addition to the status of tipping fees, wastewater treatment plants, pump station operations and capacity, landfills within the territory, garbage collection, oil collection, and any other challenges the agency is facing, along with their plans to overcome them to better serve the community.

Invited Testifier:

Darryl Griffith, Interim Executive Director, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR HUBERT L. FREDERICK**

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

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a hearing on **Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, on St. Croix.**

BLOCK I

The Committee will receive testimony regarding the strategic plan to address staffing shortages and the reduction of emergency room wait-times at both hospital facilities. Also, the members will be presented with an overview on the territory's MAP program and the boarder crisis in the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Regional Medical Center and the Schneider Regional Medical Center.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Averil E. George, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

Tina M. Commissiong, Esq., MPA, CEO, Schneider Regional Medical Center

Hazel Philbert, Interim CEO, Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Regional Medical Center

Darlene Carty-Baptiste, Incoming CEO, Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Regional Medical Center

Christopher Finch, Chairman, Virgin Islands Government Health and Hospital Corporation

Edgar Phillips, Resident, St. Thomas, USVI

BLOCK II

The members will receive an overview on the designs including final completion target dates of the Herbert Grigg Nursing Home, Queen Louise Home for the Aged, Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center, Schneider Regional Medical Center, Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, and the Department of Human Services Complex, on St. Thomas.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Averil E. George, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

Christopher Finch, Chairman, Virgin Islands Government Health and Hospital Corporation

Darryl Smalls, Executive Director, Facilities and Capital Development, Territorial Hospital Redevelopment Team

Jerry Smith, Incoming Chairman, Virgin Islands Government Health and Hospital Corporation

FRIDAY,

FEBRUARY 14, 2025

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

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