



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
February 05, 2024 – February 16, 2024

MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 05, 2024

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

Committee of the Whole
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

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

The Thirty-Fifth Legislature will convene in a Committee of the Whole Hearing to receive testimony on a minor CZM permit, zoning applications and receive a comprehensive update on the Street Addressing Initiative program

Bill No. [35-0212](#) An Act ratifying Minor Coastal Zone Permit No. CZT-18-21 (W) issued to Beach Life, LLC

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Marlon Hibbert, Director of the Division of Coastal Zone Management, VI DPNR
Lisa Bertrand, Applicant

Bill No. 35-0233 An Act granting a use variance to Parcels No. 41 Remainder Estate Contant and 41-C Estate Contant, 7A Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to allow for commercial parking

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
Roosevelt St. C. David, Representative

Bill No. 35-0234 An Act granting a zoning variance from the I-2 (Light Industry) zoning designation to Revised Parcel No. 17-3 Remainder Estate Nisky, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to allow for a business hotel

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
Waleed Hamed, Representative

Bill No. 35-0235 An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. STZ-7 to rezone Reconfigured Remainder Consolidated Parcel No. 1-13 Estate Donoe, No. 2A New Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, from R-4 (Residential-Medium Density) to B-3 (Business-Scattered)

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
Roger Minkoff, Representative

The Committee of the Whole will receive a comprehensive update on the Street Addressing Initiative program.

Invited Testifiers:

Monica Carbon, Esq., Chief of Staff, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Chris George, Administrator, GIS Division/Project Manager, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority
Verlin Constable, Program Manager, Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 06, 2024**

**CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.**

**Committee on Budget,
Appropriations and Finance
9:30 A.M
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

BLOCK I

Bill No. [35-0133](#) An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15, relating to scholarships by adding section 190gg to establish an educational scholarship program to support individuals interested in pursuing a career in the maritime industry in the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Dr. David Hall, SJD, President, University of the Virgin Islands

Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Ed.D, Commissioner, Department of Education

Dr. Kyza Callwood, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education

Mr. Carlton Dowe, Executive Director, V.I Port Authority

Mr. Oriel Blake, President, Virgin Islands Charter Association

Mr. Richard Difede, President, Gold Coast Yachts

Ms. Jill Hughes, Port Captain, World Ocean School

BLOCK II

Bill No. [35-0218](#) An Act amending title 24 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 12 relating to unemployment benefits by reducing the number of weeks that unemployment benefits can be received; increasing the statute of limitations for the collection of overpayments of unemployment benefits from claimants and for delinquent employer contribution; allowing for the implementation of the payroll variation methodology launch in the calendar year beginning January 2024; implementing a 10-year record retention period for employers; and requiring employers to register with the Virgin Islands State Information Data Exchange System

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner, Department of Labor

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 07, 2024**

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

**Committee on Health, Hospitals
and Human Services
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on **Wednesday, February 07, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas.**

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

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:

Honorable Justa Encarnacion, Commissioner, Department of Health
Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department
Mr. Gleston McIntosh, Director, Peace Officers Standards Training
Dr. David Hall, SJD, President, University of the Virgin Islands

BLOCK II

12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Bill No. [35-0207](#) An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part I, adding chapter 6a to create the Territorial Chronic Kidney Disease and Diabetes Registry,

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Justa Encarnacion, Commissioner, Department of Health
Dr. Lyna Fredericks, Director of Chronic Disease, Department of Health
Dr. Tai Hunte-Ceaser, Medical Director, Department of Health

BLOCK III**2:35 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony on the operational status of the St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation.

Invited Testifiers:

Dr. Tess Richards, Interim Executive Director, St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corp.

Karl Callwood, Chairman of the Board, St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corp.

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 08, 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, February 8, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. in the Frits Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to consider the following nominations, leases, bills, and resolutions:

BLOCK I

Governor's Nomination of Averil E. George

Commissioner Nominee, Virgin Islands Department of Human Services

BLOCK II

Governor's Nomination of Dr. Nathaniel Olive

Non-Agricultural Interest Nominee, Virgin Islands Conservation District – District of St. Croix

Governor's Nomination of Judy Grogan

Land Occupier Nominee, Virgin Islands Conservation District – District of St. Thomas

Governor's Nomination of Carlos Robles

Land Occupier Nominee, Virgin Islands Conservation District – District of St. Thomas

BLOCK III

Bill No. [35-0077](#) An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and 2 | P a g e Procurement and St. Thomas Rescue, Inc., Parcel No. 146 Revised Submarine Base No. 6, Southwest Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, consisting of a one-story building, on approximately 0.1899 U.S. acres of improved land more-or-less, zoned P, for the purpose of operating a long-term headquarters for all rescue related activities of the Lessee, and for other related purposes

Bill No. [35-0211](#) An Act approving the Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and James O. Gaston for Plot No. 9-G VICORP Lands, Prince Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, consisting of approximately 653, 400 U.S. sq. ft. or 15 U.S. acres of unimproved land, more or less, as shown on Drawing No. A9-5-C008 to be used for crop production and rearing small livestock

Bill No. [35-0225](#) An Act approving the multi-year lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Virgin Islands Centre for Architecture, Crafts, and Build Heritage, St. Croix, Inc. d/b/a Virgin Islands Architecture Center for Built Heritage and Crafts, for Plot No. 8 Church Street and Plots No. 21, 22, and 23 Hospital Street, Christiansted Town, Company Quarter, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, consisting of two, two-story masonry buildings to be used for the common good, welfare, and education of the people of the Virgin Islands on heritage and cultural legacy, and for other related purposes.

BLOCK IV

Bill No. [35-0172](#) An Act amending Title 29, chapter 5 Virgin Islands Code, relating to building codes to provide for adoption of nationally recognized consensus-based codes and standards and amendments to such codes that are in the best interests of the territory, and to provide for clarifications to the Virgin Islands building code

Bill No. [35-0184](#) An Act to honor and commend Viggo E. Sewer posthumously for his ultimate contribution to the Virgin Islands and renaming East End Road on Route 10 on the island of St. John, in his honor

Bill No. [35-0208](#) A Resolution honoring and commending Mrs. Bernice Alma Turnbull for her lifetime of service and dedication to the people of the Virgin Islands.

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 09, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

**CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY**

**Committee on Education
and Workforce Development
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall**

The Committee will receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Department of Education and the Board of Education regarding the following:

1. Condition of school facilities throughout the territory.
2. Status of the John H. Woodson Junior High School.
3. Renovation of bathrooms at St. Croix Central High School and St. Croix Educational Complex High School.
4. Student achievement and actions to close the learning gaps.
5. Effectiveness of I-Ready Program and Intervention Blocks.
6. Parent Engagement in Schools.
7. Matters of concern the Board of Education may have.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, EdD, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education
Dr. Kyza Callwood, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 13, 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**

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 16, 2024**

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

**Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging,
Sports, and Parks
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**
