

36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands SENATE CALENDAR

February 10, 2025 - February 21, 2025

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025	CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025	CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025	
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

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MONDAY,

FEBRUARY 17, 2025

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Holiday

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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

Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance 10:00 A.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on **Tuesday**, **February 18**, **2025**, **10:00 A.M.** in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.

BLOCK I

The Committee will receive testimony from the Government's Financial Team on the territory's finances to include the status of vendor payments, property taxes, 90-120 days revenue collections, 90-120 days general expenditures, the Tourism Revolving Fund, Compliance reporting in accordance with Act 8915, the Line of Credit, the Budget Stabilization Fund, the Single Payer Utility, cash on hand, federal drawdowns and status of federal grants to include FEMA, ARPA and CARES and the Epstein Fund, etc.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, VI Department of Finance Julio Rhymer, Director, Office of Management and Budget Joel Lee, Director, VI Bureau of Internal Revenue Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery Brent Leerdam, Tax Collector, Office of the Lt. Governor Chalma Moorhead, Assistant Tax Assessor, Office of the Lt. Governor Joss Springette, Esq., Chief Negotiator, Office of Collective Bargaining Cindy L. Richardson, Director, Division of Personnel

Block II

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations will receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works on the overview of Capital Projects (Territorial), Garvee funded projects, an update on road projects and bridges and the status of the Paul E. Joseph Stadium and the VITRAN Maintenance and Operations Facility on St. Croix.

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, VI Department of Public Works

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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 19**, **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 20, 2025

CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER

Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure and Planning 10:00 A.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee will receive testimony from the Office of Disaster Recovery on its operations and key disaster recovery and infrastructure projects, including but not limited to:

Review of Federal Disaster Assistance Grants

Current data on anticipated, allocated, obligated, and expended funds Challenges and Opportunities in Grant Utilization

Super PMO: Structure and Responsibilities

Operation and Effectiveness of Super PMO Coordination with Other Agencies and Stakeholders

Status of Bundles: Critical Projects

Assessment of Bundling Approach and Contractor Responsiveness Update on Key Infrastructure and Recovery Projects

Performance of CDBG-DR Programs

Progress of Envision Tomorrow Initiative
Data on Resident Participation and Responsiveness

Invited Testifiers:

Adrienne L. Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery **Eugene Jones, Jr.,** Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

FRIDAY,

FEBRUARY 21, 2025

CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR. VICE CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH

Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports and Parks
10:00 A.M.

Cleone H. Creque Legislative Conference Room