

35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands SENATE CALENDAR February 12, 2024 – February 23, 2024

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. Ottley 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

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2024, in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix. This is an in-person hearing.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M.

Bill No. <u>35-0182</u> An Act amending title 14 of the Virgin Islands Code, chapter 51, by designating the existing provisions as subchapter I and adding a subchapter II relating to the non-consensual dissemination of sexually explicit images

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department
Ariel K. Smith, Esq., Attorney General, V.I. Department of Justice
Attorney Julie Smith-Todman, Interim Chief, Office of the Territorial Public Defender
Dr. Clema S. Lewis, Ph.D., Executive Director, Women's Coalition of St. Croix
Ms. Anya Stuart, Executive Director, Family Resource Center, Inc.
Ms. Jacqueline J. Heyliger, Executive Director, V.I. Domestic Violence & SAC

LUNCH

12:30 P.M.

BLOCK II

Law Enforcement Officer Agency Update: This update intends to provide information from agency enforcement divisions. The testimonies will include, yet not limited to, reports on agency recruitment efforts, certification and recertification procedures, enforcement strategies, execution of penalties, citation records, and current initiatives.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Justa Encarnación, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Health
Mr. Wanson Harris, Director, DOH Environmental Health
Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, DPNR
Mr. Howard Forbes, Director, DPNR Enforcement Division
Ms. H. Nathalie Hodge, Commissioner Designee, DLCA
Wilbur Francis, Director, DLCA Enforcement Division
Mr. Gleston E. McIntosh, Jr., Executive Director, P.O.S.T.
Mr. Antonio Stevens, Acting Director, VIFEMS
Mr. Leon Battiste, Fire Marshal, (STT/STJ) VIFEMS
Mr. Kevin Delande, Fire Marshal, (STX) VIFEMS
Ms. Vernice M. Gumbs, Executive Director, V.I. Taxicab Commission
Mr. George Mena Sr., Enforcement Officer, TCC Enforcement Division

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

1:00 P.M.

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. Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Holiday

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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

Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance 10:00 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Reserved

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved