



36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
February 24, 2025 – March 7, 2025

MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 24, 2025

CHAIR: SENATOR AVERY L. LEWIS
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.

Committee on Government Operations,
Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection
9:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, February 24, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands** to provide updates on the following agencies:

BLOCK I

The Department of Property and Procurement will provide a comprehensive update on the state of the Government of the Virgin Islands contractual agreements, vendor payments, leases, and the GVI Buy Software.

Key highlights will include the status of capital projects, pending/outstanding leases, contracts, and payments that affect government operations.

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement

BLOCK II

Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs to provide an update on programs that prevent fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair business practices and information to help consumers spot, stop, and avoid scams and fraud.

Key highlights include a fuel price survey, the frequency of grocery store price analyses and results, and the status of capital projects.

Invited Testifier:

Honorable H. Natalie Hodge, Commissioner, Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 25, 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 **Tuesday, February 25, 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. Comissiong, 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

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS**

**Committee on Rules and Judiciary
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a hearing for **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Judiciary Branch of the Virgin Islands including but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, current department challenges, and plan of action to resolve challenges.

Invited Testifier:

Regina deChabert Petersen, Esq., Administrator of Courts, Judiciary Branch of the Virgin Islands

LUNCH **12:00 PM – 12:30 PM**

BLOCK II **12:30 PM - 2:00 PM**

Dr. Safiya George, Governor's Nominee
Virgin Islands Government Hospital and Health Facilities Corporation, District Governing Board of St. Thomas-St. John

BLOCK III**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

Mr. Anthony Mardenborough, Jr., Governor's Nominee
Board of Career and Technical Education-St. Croix

BLOCK IV**3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

Mrs. Elizabeth Guadalupe-Perez, Governor's Nominee
Virgin Islands Real Estate Appraisers Board

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

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

**Committee on Housing, Transportation
and Telecommunications**

10:00 A.M.**Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications has scheduled a meeting for **Friday, February 28, 2025, in the Earle B. Otley 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

LUNCH

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:

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

**MONDAY,
MARCH 03, 2025**

**PRESIDENT: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER
VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS**

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

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 04, 2025**

**PRESIDENT: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER
VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS**

**Committee of the Whole
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 05, 2025**

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

**Committee on Budget,
Appropriations and Finance
9:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 06, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 07, 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 **Friday, March 7, 2025, 9:00 A.M. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.**

BLOCK I

Status of Workforce Development Programs that align with key industries (construction, technology, healthcare)
 Breakdown of local and federal funds allocated for workforce development and the number of individuals served
 Update on the Youth and Apprenticeship Program, including participating service providers and individuals served
 Financial breakdown of expenditures for the Youth and Apprenticeship Program
 Status and of the Summer Youth Work Experience Program
 Youth Team impact: Number of youths served, completed academic/career assessments, and service referrals

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner, Department of Labor

BLOCK II

Overview of Organization's Mission and Programs
 Workforce Development Initiatives
 Educational and training opportunities offered
 Collaborations with schools, colleges, and vocational programs
 Success stories and community impact
 Barriers and challenges to workforce development

Invited Testifiers:

Scott Bradley, Founder, My Brother's Workshop

Frandelle Gerard, Executive Director, Crucian Heritage & Nature Tourism

Suzanne Darrow-Magras, PhD, Director, University of the Virgin Islands Center for Excellence in Leadership and Learning (UVI CELL)