



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
January 15, 2024 – January 26, 2024

MONDAY,
JANUARY 15, 2024

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Holiday

TUESDAY,
JANUARY 16, 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

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance will receive testimony from the Government's Financial Team on the financial overview of the Government of the Virgin Islands to include the following:

- FY 2023 Unaudited Revenue Collections to include breakdown of revenue collections.
- FY 2023 Budget Appropriations vs Total Allotment.
- Outstanding programmatic federal drawdowns for FY 2023 and prior.
- Status of FY 2024 allotments.
- Update on FY 2024 revenues as of December 31, 2023.
- Update on the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund as of September 30, 2023.
- Breakdown of the use of the ARPA funds and the proposed use for remainder of the ARPA funds.
- Accounting of the interest earned to date on the funds invested in JP Morgan Bank and use of the invested funds.
- Status of the last line of credit approved in FY 2023.
- Status of retroactive payment to government employees and retirees pursuant to Act No. 8770.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Jenifer O’Neal, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Mr. Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner Designee, Department of Finance
Mr. Joel Lee, Director, V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue
Mr. Ira R. Mills, Tax Assessor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Mr. Brent Leerdam, Tax Collector, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Ms. Cindy Richardson, Director, Division of Personnel
Ms. Joss Springette, Esq., Chief Negotiator, Office of Collective Bargaining

WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 17, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

THURSDAY,
JANUARY 18, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

FRIDAY,
JANUARY 19, 2024

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

Committee on Budget,
Appropriations and Finance
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

**MONDAY,
JANUARY 22, 2024**

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

**Legislative Session
5:00 P.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**State of the Territory Address
The Honorable Albert Bryan, Jr., Governor of the Virgin Islands
7:00 P.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**TUESDAY,
JANUARY 23, 2024**

**CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.**

**Committee on Government Operations,
Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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

10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

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.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Derek A. Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
Mr. Patrick Farrell, Director, V.I. Veterans Affairs
Mr. Harry Daniel, Commander, American Legion Post 131
Ms. Maria Lett, Resident

BLOCK II**11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

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.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Joanne E. Bozzuto, Esq., Resident
Mr. Ronald W. Belfon, Esq., Resident
Mr. Ira R. Mills, Resident
Mrs. Sedonie Halbert, Resident
Mr. William I. Frett, Resident

LUNCH**1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.****BLOCK III****1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

Bill No. [35-0115](#) An Act repealing title 24 Virgin Islands Code chapter 17, subchapter II, “Limited Use of Criminal Records in Hiring Practices,” and enacting in its place “The Fair Chance for Employment Act” relative to criminal records checks in the employment application process; and amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, subchapter I, section 452 requiring the Director of Personnel to develop and implement fair chance hiring policies; and for other related proposes.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Gary A. Molloy, Commissioner, Department of Labor
Mr. Akeel St. Jean, Chairman, St. Croix Chamber of Commerce Board
Dr. Kendra Roach, Chapter President, Society for Human Resource Management
Ms. Cindy Richardson, Director, Division of Personnel
Mr. John P. Woods, President, St. Croix Chamber of Commerce Board
Ms. Wynn Timer, Director, Virgin Islands Bureau of Corrections

BLOCK IV**3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

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

Invited Testifier:

Ms. Sandra L. Setorie, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Public Service Commission

**WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 24, 2024**

**CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES**

**Committee on Housing, Transportation
and Telecommunications**

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

CALL TO ORDER

10:00 A.M.

Telecommunications update in light of an upsurge in consumer complaints, unresolved issues between providers and regulatory agencies, and the ongoing crisis of affordability. Topics of particular interest include:

- An update on any ongoing network or other issues impacting the quality of service, along with actions plans to address any such matter;
- Status of present infrastructure projects and plans for future development, with a focus on planning and utilization of federal broadband funding;
- Plans for improving and expanding customer service, connections speeds and service coverage areas in the Virgin Islands;
- Issues and challenges regarding coordination between telecommunications providers and government agencies on issues such as permitting, access to poles and conduits, customer service issues, etc.; and
- Affordability of internet access in general, and for our territory's students in particular, including utilization of the expanded Affordable Connectivity Program.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Department of Education

The Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

The Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Ms. Jenifer O'Neal, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Mr. Andrew Smith, CEO, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority

Ms. Sandra Setorie, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Public Services Commission

Mr. Stephan Adams, CEO, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN)

Ms. Wanda Perez-Alvarez, Esq., Government Affairs Counsel, Liberty Mobile PR/VI

Ms. Geraldine Pitt, CEO, Viya, Inc.

Mr. Mark Hodge, Legal Counsel, T-Mobile, VI

**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 25, 2024**

**CHAIR: SENATOR DIANE T. CAPEHART
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER**

**Committee on Rules and Judiciary
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 9:30 AM in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to consider the following Governor's nominations, bills, and resolutions:

BLOCK I

Nomination:

Maurice K. Muia, Nominee, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Board of Directors

BLOCK II

Nomination:

Rodney Francis Querrard, Appointee, Opioid Abatement Committee – District of St. Thomas

BLOCK III

Nomination:

May A. Cornwall, Nominee, Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management – District of St. Croix

BLOCK IV

Bill No. [35-0058](#) An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, by adding a chapter 25 to enact The Public Private Partnership Agreement Act

Bill No. [35-0116](#) A Resolution honoring and commending Lieutenant Colonel Leayle Gerard Galiber for his leadership in the Virgin Islands National Guard and his dedication to his country and to the people of the Virgin Islands.

Bill No. [35-0178](#) An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 314, to add a section 3732a to allow for the automatic expungement of arrest records upon a finding that the arrest lacked probable cause and amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 881(g), item 9 relating to public records to designate expunged criminal records as confidential records.

**FRIDAY,
JANUARY 26, 2024**

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

**Committee on Health, Hospitals
and Human Services
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on Friday, January 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas to consider the following:

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 “Tita” Encarnacion, Commissioner, Department of Health
Dr. Lyna Fredericks, Director of Chronic Disease, Department of Health
Dr. Tai Hunte-Ceaser, Medical Director, Department of Health
