



**35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**SENATE CALENDAR**  
**July 10, 2023 – July 21, 2023**

**MONDAY,**  
**JULY 10, 2023**

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

**The Committee of the Whole**  
**TOUR**  
**8:30 A.M.**  
**Cruz Bay, St. John**

**TUESDAY,**  
**JULY 11, 2023**

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

**The Committee of the Whole**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Cleone H. Creque Legislative Conference Room**

**THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OFFICIAL AGENDA**

**Time:** 3:00 P.M.

**Call to Order:** Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.  
Senate President

**Roll Call:** Journal Clerk

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

**BR 23-0590** An Act ratifying the land transfer between the Government of the Virgin Islands and the Government of the United States through the Department of Interior-Park for Tract No. 02-101 Whistling Island a/k/a Whistling Cay, Cruz Bay Quarter and Tract No. 01-137A Catherineberg, Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John Virgin Islands

**Invited Testifiers:**

**The Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, EdD**, Commissioner, VI Department of Education  
**The Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner**, VI Department of Planning & Natural Resources  
**Chaneel Callwood**, Architect, VI Department of Education  
**Shikima Jones-Sprauve**, St. John Administrator  
**Dr. Olasee Davis**, Extension Specialist Natural Resources, UVI  
**The Honorable Almando “Rocky” Liburd**, Former Senator, St. John Resident  
**Clarence Stephenson**, St. John Resident  
**Lorelei Monsanto**, St. John Resident, Community Activist  
**Julien Harley**, St. John Resident  
**David Silverman**, Coral Bay Resident  
**Russell Christopher**, St. John Resident  
**Ida Smith**, St. John Resident  
**Dr. Hadiya Sewer**, President, Co-Founder of St.JanCo: the St. John Heritage Collective

---

**WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 12, 2023**

---

**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.  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

---

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m.** on **Wednesday, July 12, 2023** in the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room** in **St. Croix**. 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.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

**Bill No. [35-0029](#)** An Act honoring and commending Donna Marie Christian-Christiansen M.D., for her tireless contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands in the medical field and representation in the United States Congress.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**The Honorable Justa Encarnacion**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Health

**Mr. Basil Ottley**, Director of Policy, U.S. Department of Interior

**The Honorable James O'Bryan, Jr.**, Former Senator

**Mrs. Renee McAlpin-Petersen**, STX District Chair, Virgin Islands Democratic Party

**Mrs. Monique Clendinen Watson**, Resident

**Dr. Mavis Matthew**, Resident

**BLOCK II**

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

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

**Bill No. [35-0041](#)** An Act awarding the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor posthumously to former Senator Edgar Milton Iles for his commendable public service and contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**The Honorable Iver Stridiron**, Former Senator

**The Honorable Lilliana Belardo De O'Neal**, Former Senator

**LUNCH**

**1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**BLOCK III**

**2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

**Bill No. [35-0100](#)** A Resolution honoring and commending Music in Motion School of Higher Dance Education and its founder, Charlita Schuster, on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Music in Motion Dance Academy.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Emmanuella Perez Cassius**, Resident

**Dr. ChenziRa Davis Kahina**, Resident

**Afrilasia Joseph-Phipps**, Resident

**BLOCK IV****3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

**Bill No. [35-0101](#)** A Resolution honoring and commending Dr. Olaf “Bronco” Hendricks for his tireless years of remarkable and invaluable contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands in the field of psychiatry, his advocacy for social justice for individuals with behavioral health and substance use issues, and for his music.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Kai A. Hendricks**, Resident

**Mr. Bodil Simmonds**, Resident

**The Honorable Dr. Donna Christian-Christensen, M.D.**, Former Delegate to Congress

**Dr. Stanley Jacobs**, Resident

**THURSDAY,  
JULY 13, 2023**

**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 is scheduled to meet on **Thursday, July 13, 2023**, at **9:30 A.M.** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands** to consider the Governor’s nominations and various bills as follows:

**BLOCK I****Governor’s Nomination:**

**Ms. Lisa M. Alejandro**, Virgin Islands Department of Property & Procurement

**BLOCK II**

**Bill No. [35-0013](#)** An Act amending Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 35, relating to the issuance of limited local-purpose identification cards and operators’ licenses.

**Bill No. [35-0033](#)** An Act honoring and commending Mr. Benburin “Benny” Stephens posthumously for his heroism in saving the lives of a mother and her children and to rename the Bovoni Road (Route No. 30), specifically from the entrance of the Abattoir to the entrance of the Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School, “The Benburin “Benny” Stephens Drive”

**Bill No. [35-0035](#)** An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 39 section 436 (b), expanding the definition of “disabled veteran” for the purposes of eligibility for a handicapped window decal.

**Bill No. [35-0036](#)** An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 274, subsection (f), paragraph (11) to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission.

**Bill No. [35-0075](#)** An Act to designate the third Monday in February as Virgin Islands Governors Day.

**Bill No. [35-0076](#)** An Act requiring the Commissioner of the Department of Tourism to conduct a survey to assist in the establishment of an official dish and dessert of the Virgin Islands.

### **BLOCK III**

### **TENTATIVE**

**Bill No. [35-0029](#)** An Act honoring and commending Donna Marie Christian-Christiansen, M.D., for her tireless contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands in the medical field and representation in the United States Congress

**Bill No. [35-0041](#)** An Act awarding the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor posthumously to former Senator Edgar Milton Iles for his commendable public service and contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands.

**Bill No. [35-0100](#)** A Resolution honoring and commending Music in Motion School of Higher Dance Education and its founder, Charlita Schuster, on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Music in Motion Dance Academy.

**Bill No. [35-0101](#)** A Resolution honoring and commending Dr. Olaf “Bronco” Hendricks for his tireless years of remarkable and invaluable contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands in the field of psychiatry, his advocacy for social justice for individuals with behavioral health and substance use issues, and for his music.

---

**FRIDAY,  
JULY 14, 2023**

---

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

---

**MONDAY,  
JULY 17, 2023**

---

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

---

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations,  
and Finance**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

---

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Monday, July 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

**9:00 A.M. Department of Property & Procurement  
Lisa M. Alejandro, Acting Commissioner**

**12:00 P.M. LUNCH**

**12:30 P.M. V.I. Housing Authority  
Robert Graham, Executive Director**

**2:30 P.M. V.I. Taxicab Commission  
Vernice Gumbs, Executive Director**

---

**TUESDAY,  
JULY 18, 2023**

---

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

---

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations,  
and Finance**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

---

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

- 9:00 A.M.**            **Department of Sports, Parks, & Recreation**  
**Honorable Calvert White, Commissioner**
- VI Olympic Committee**  
**Angel L. Morales, President**
- 12:00 P.M.**            **LUNCH**
- 12:30 P.M.**            **Public Services Commission**  
**Sandra L. Setorie, Interim Executive Director**
- 2:30 P.M.**            **V.I. Water & Power Authority**  
**Andrew Smith, Executive Director**

**WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 19, 2023**

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

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations,  
and Finance**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

- 9:00 A.M.**            **Judiciary of the Virgin Islands**  
**The Honorable Rhys S. Hodge, Chief Justice**
- 12:00 P.M.**            **LUNCH**
- 12:30 P.M.**            **Office of the Inspector General**  
**Delia Thomas, Inspector General**
- 2:30 P.M.**            **Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority**  
**Dayna M. Clendinen, Interim Director**

**THURSDAY,  
JULY 20, 2023**

---

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

---

**Committee on Disaster Recovery,  
Infrastructure, and Planning  
9:30 A.M.  
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

---

The Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning has scheduled a meeting for **Thursday, July 20, 2023** at **9:30 A.M.** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**.

**BLOCK I**

**9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

The committee will meet to receive an update on and discuss the V.I. Department of Education's planned, in-process, and completed projects; the status of all federal and local funding identified for the department's projects, as well as any impediments with respect to the department's role in the territory's disaster recovery efforts.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**The Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, EdD**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

**RECESS**

**12:30 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**BLOCK II**

**1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive an update from the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority and the Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority will respect to their planned, in-process, and completed projects; the status of all federal and local funding identified for those projects, as well as any impediments with respect to their disaster recovery efforts.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Roger Merritt**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority

**Mr. Andrew Smith**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority

---



**THURSDAY,  
JULY 20, 2023**

---

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

---

**Regular Session  
4:00 P.M.  
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

---

**FRIDAY,  
JULY 21, 2023**

---

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

---

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations,  
and Finance  
9:00 A.M.  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

---

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Friday, July 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room.

<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Department of Agriculture Dr. Louis Petersen, Commissioner Nominee</b>
<b>12:00 P.M.</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>12:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center Doug Koch, Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>2:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Frederiksted Health Care, Inc. Masserae Sprauve-Webster, Chief Executive Officer</b>

---