



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

**MONDAY,
JULY 15, 2024**

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

**Committee on Disaster Recovery,
Infrastructure and Planning**
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning will meet on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to consider the following:

BLOCK I

The territory's progress with respect to ongoing and planned disaster-recovery projects, goals and strategies as well as a status update on the "Super-PMO"/bundling initiative.

Invited Testifier:

Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, Virgin Islands Office of Disaster Recovery

BLOCK II

The Committee will meet receive testimony with respect to the status of the development of the territory's Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan.

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Jean Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Planning & Natural Resources

**TUESDAY,
JULY 16, 2024**

**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 Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance will meet on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to receive testimony on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States

**9:00 A.M. Department of Human Services
Averil George, Commissioner**

**12:30 P.M. Office of the Territorial Public Defender
Julie Smith Todman, Esq., Chief Public Defender**

**2:30 P.M. Labor Management Committee
Pierina Jacobs-Feldman, Chairperson**

**Public Employees Relations Board
Yirah Tutein, Executive Director**

**WEDNESDAY,
JULY 17, 2024**

**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 Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance will meet on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to receive testimony on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

9:00 A.M. V.I. Public Broadcasting System/WTJX – CHANNEL 12
Tanya-Marie Singh, CEO

12:30 P.M. Virgin Islands Lottery
Raymond Williams, Executive Director

2:30 P.M. Casino Control Commission
Marvin Pickering, Chairman & CEO

THURSDAY,
JULY 18, 2024

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

Committee on Rules and Judiciary

9:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 9:00 AM in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to consider the following nominations, bills and resolutions.

BLOCK I

Governor's Nomination of Judge Ernest E. Morris, Jr.
 Justice Nominee, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands – District of St. Croix

BLOCK II

Governor's Nomination of Julian Penn
 Nominee, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission – District of St. Thomas

BLOCK III

Governor's Nomination of Harith Wickrema
 Nominee, Virgin Islands Conservation District – District of St. John

BLOCK IV

Bill No. [35-0227](#) An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 37 to enact the Virgin Islands Commission on Ethics and Conflicts of Interest.

Bill No. [35-0228](#) An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapters 8 and 37 to enumerate the duties and functions of the Virgin Islands Commission on Ethics and Conflicts of Interest; appropriating \$500,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Virgin Islands Commission on Ethics and Conflicts of Interest and for other related purposes.

Invited Testifiers:

Attorney Gordon Rhea, Attorney General Nominee, Department of Justice

Delia Thomas, Inspector General, Office of the VI Inspector General

Attorney Marjorie Whalen, President, VI Bar Association

Regina deChabert Petersen, Esq., Administrator of Courts, Judiciary of the VI

Julie Smith-Todman, Esq., Chief Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender

Dr. Gwen Moolenaar, League of Women Voters

Bill No. [35-0269](#) An Act amending title 2 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1 by adding a section 10 providing a penalty for the commission of perjury in proceedings before the Legislature of the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Attorney Gordon Rhea, Attorney General Nominee, Department of Justice

Julie Smith-Todman, Esq., Chief Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender

Dr. Gwen Moolenaar, League of Women Voters

BLOCK V

Bill No. [35-0229](#) An Act honoring and commending the Eighth elected Governor of the Virgin Islands, Kenneth Ezra Mapp for his years of service to the people of the Virgin Islands and naming Route 75 on the island of St. Croix from Bassin Triangle intersection at Route 70, Estate Richmond and ending at Krausse's Lagune the "Gov. Kenneth E. Mapp Highway"; appropriating \$45,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Public Works to implement the mandates of this Act, to bestow the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor on Kenneth Ezra Mapp and for other related purposes.

Invited Testifiers:

Val Collens, Resident

Mona Barnes, Resident

Delroy Richards, Resident

Attorney Peter Hiebert, Friend

Pedro Cruz, Resident

Margaret Guarino, Friend

BLOCK VI

Bill No. [35-0240](#) An Act transferring the administration of the Government Insurance Fund from the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Finance to the Commissioner of Virgin Islands Department of Labor and amending various sections of title 24 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11 to facilitate better recovery for injury or disease that arises out of and in the course of employment in the Virgin Islands under the Workers' Compensation Administration, and to ensure that workers entitled to Workers' Compensation benefits receive medical coverage, rehabilitation services, and disability compensation without undue delay by merging the benefits and payment components of the Workers' Compensation Insurance Program.

Bill No. [35-0262](#) An Act appropriating \$1,434,950 in Fiscal Year 2024 from the Community Facilities Trust Fund for the pre-construction soft cost funding to prepare the Charlotte Amalie harbor for dredging.

BLOCK VII

Bill No. [35-0195](#) A Resolution honoring and commending Mr. Willard John for his many contributions to the youth and the culture of the Virgin Islands

Bill No. [35-0239](#) An Act honoring and commending Mrs. Claire Lorraine Brown Roker for her dedicated service to the Virgin Islands community by naming the visitors center at the Ann E. Abramson Marine Facility, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, the "Claire L. Roker Visitors Center".

Bill No. [35-0242](#) A Resolution honoring and commending Miguel Santos, Jr., aka "DJ Poppy Pops" for his contributions in the field of music and in radio broadcasting of musical events and local social musical events and specifically contributing to the art of deejaying and the teaching of deejaying.

**FRIDAY,
JULY 19, 2024**

**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 has scheduled a hearing to receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 19, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall.

9:00 A.M.	The Judiciary of the U.S. Virgin Islands Honorable Rhys S. Hodge, Chief Justice
12:30 P.M.	Office of the Inspector General Delia Thomas, Inspector General
2:30 P.M.	Economic Development Authority Wayne L. Biggs, Jr., Chief Executive Officer

**MONDAY,
JULY 22, 2024**

**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 has scheduled a hearing to receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 22, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

9:00 A.M. **Office of the Lieutenant Governor**
Monica Carbon, Esq, Chief of Staff

12:30 P.M. **Office of the Governor**
Karl Knight, Chief of Staff

MONDAY,
JULY 22, 2024

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

The Committee of the Whole/Regular Session
2:00 P.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

TUESDAY,
JULY 23, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 24, 2024

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 has scheduled a hearing to receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

9:00 A.M. **Schneider Regional Medical Center**
Tina M. Comissiong, Esq., MPA, Chief Executive Officer

12:30 P.M. **St. Thomas East End Medical Center**
Tess G. Richards, MD, Executive Director

2:30 P.M. **Virgin Islands Police Department**
Mario Brooks, Acting Commissioner

Law Enforcement Planning Commission
Moletto A. Smith Jr., Executive Director

THURSDAY,
JULY 25, 2024

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 has scheduled a hearing to receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.

9:00 A.M. **VI Department of Agriculture**
Louis E. Petersen, Jr., PhD., Commissioner

12:30 P.M. **VI Department of Health**
Justa Encarnacion, Commissioner

2:30 P.M. **Nurse Licensure Board**
Tancia Penn, MSN, RN, Chairperson

FRIDAY,
JULY 26, 2024

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 has scheduled a hearing to receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 26, 2024 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.

9:00 A.M. **Juan F. Luis Hospital**
Louis E. Petersen, Jr., PhD., Commissioner

12:30 P.M. **Fredriksted Health Care, Inc**
Masserae Sprauve Webster, CEO