



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
July 31, 2023 – August 11, 2023

MONDAY,
JULY 31, 2023

CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES

VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY

**Committee on Education
and Workforce Development**

10:00 A.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Education & Workforce Development Meeting to be held on **Monday, July 31, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, USVI.**

BLOCK I

The Committee will receive a status update from the Virgin Islands Department of the Education and the Virgin Islands Board of Education on the following:

- Information on summer enrichment programs and after-school programs.
- Current status of school facilities and assessment of school readiness.
- Latest data on teacher vacancies; recruitment efforts and unfilled positions on the overall education system. Data on student enrollment, information on assignment and reassignment of principals and any initiatives or programs aimed at enhancing school leadership and administration.
- A detailed breakdown of federal grants and utilization of funds for their respective purposes or programs they support. Each school proposed plan to utilize the \$250,000 in ARPA funds.
- A comprehensive report on the availability, accessibility, and quality of Pre-K programs.
- Major priorities of the Board of Education of the 2023-2023 school year.
- Concerns or issues that should be brought to the attention of the Legislature.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

Dr. Kyza A. Callwood, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education

BLOCK II:

Bill No. [35-0082](#) An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, Subchapter I, section 91 to limit the expulsion and suspension of students in pre-kindergarten through third grade and amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, by adding a section to make a course in mitigating behavioral issues and misconduct in the classroom for school-based professionals a requirement.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Health

**TUESDAY,
AUGUST 01, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 02, 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, August 02, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

9:00 A.M.	The Legislature of the Virgin Islands
11:00 A.M.	LUNCH
11:30 A.M.	Schneider Regional Medical Center
1:30 P.M.	Frederiksted Health Care Center, Inc.
3:30 P.M.	East End Medical Center

**THURSDAY,
AUGUST 03, 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 Thursday, August 03, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

9:00 A.M.	University of the Virgin Islands University Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park
12:00 P.M.	LUNCH
12:30 P.M.	Board of Elections Elections System of the Virgin Islands
2:30 P.M.	Bureau of Information Technology

**FRIDAY,
AUGUST 04, 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 Friday, August 04, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall.

9:00 A.M.	Department of Planning and Natural Resources VI Council on the Arts VI Historic Preservation Committee
12:00 P.M.	LUNCH
12:30 P.M.	Virgin Islands Police Department
2:30 P.M.	Law Enforcement Planning Commission

**MONDAY,
AUGUST 07, 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, August 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall.

- 9:00 A.M. Department of Public Works**
 - 12:00 P.M. LUNCH**
 - 12:30 P.M. VI Waste Management Authority**
 - 2:30 P.M. VI Fire and Emergency Medical Services**
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**TUESDAY,
AUGUST 08, 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, August 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall.

- 9:00 A.M. Office of Veterans Affairs**
 - 12:00 P.M. LUNCH**
 - 12:30 P.M. Division of Personnel
Government Employees Services Commission**
 - 2:30 P.M. Office of Collective Bargaining**
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**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 09, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
AUGUST 10, 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**

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 Testifier:

The Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

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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 with 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

**FRIDAY,
AUGUST 11, 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 Friday, August 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall.

9:00 A.M.	Bureau of Corrections
12:00 P.M.	LUNCH
12:30 P.M.	V.I. Fire and Emergency Medical Services
2:30 P.M.	Government Employees Retirement System
