

36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands SENATE CALENDAR June 02, 2025 – June 13, 2025

MONDAY, JUNE 02, 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

# THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OFFICIAL AGENDA Monday, June 02, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 A.M.

Call to Order: Honorable Milton E. Potter, Chairman, Committee of the Whole

**Roll Call:** Shenika Dowe-Serrano, Chief Journal Clerk

# **CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature will convene in a Committee of the Whole to receive testimony on the following:

**BLOCK I** 

# **CONSIDERATION OF EASEMENT**

**Bill No. 36-0082** An Act granting a perpetual access easement by the Government of the Virgin Islands for a portion of Parcel No. 75 Estate LaGrange, West End Quarter, St. Croix, for ingress and egress only

<u>Invited Testifier:</u> Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, Department of Property & Procurement

### **BLOCK II**

# **CONSIDERATION OF ZONING REQUEST**

**Bill No.** <u>36-0094</u> An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. STZ-7 to rezone Parcel No. 2L Estate Bakkero, No. 5, Frenchman's Quarter, St. Thomas from R-1 (Residential-Low Density) to R-3 (Residential-Medium Density)

<u>Invited Testifiers:</u> Leia LaPlace-Matthew, Territorial Planner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources Atty. Rosh D. Alger Mr. Michael Hancock

### **BLOCK III**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ZONING REQUEST**

Bill No. 36-0095An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. STZ-6, St. Thomas to establish a Planned<br/>Area Development on the R-2 zoned Parcel Nos. 4i Remainder and 4J Remainder Estate<br/>St. Joseph and Rosendahl, No. 4 Great Northside Quarter

### **Invited Testifiers:**

Leia LaPlace-Matthew, Territorial Planner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources Mr. Ajani Corneiro, CEO, AC Development, LLC Ms. Maria Raimer, Resident

#### **BLOCK IV**

### **CONSIDERATION OF BILL**

**Bill No.** <u>36-0085</u> An Act to prevent or rescind any automatic implementation of salary adjustments made pursuant to the recommendations of the Virgin Islands Public Officials Compensation Commission, to reclaim unauthorized payments, and to establish enforcement and penalty provisions

<u>Invited Testifier:</u> Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, VI Department of Finance The Committee of the Whole will stand in recess until **Tuesday**, **June 3, 2025** at **9:00 A.M.** to receive testimony on the following:

#### **BLOCK V**

Presentation by Ernst & Young regarding recommendations for the turnaround of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority

TUESDAY, JUNE 03, 2025

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

# Committee of the Whole cont'd 9:00 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee of the Whole will reconvene on **Tuesday**, **June 03**, **2025**, to receive testimony on the following:

#### **BLOCK V**

Presentation by Ernst & Young regarding recommendations for the turnaround of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority

TUESDAY, JUNE 03, 2025

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

Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance BUDGET OVERVIEW 12:00 P.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on **Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 12:00 P.M. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas** to receive testimony from the Government's Financial Team on the Fiscal Year 2026 Executive Budget for the Government of the US Virgin Islands to include:

- Fiscal year 2025 budget appropriations vs. revenue collections to date;
- Total allotments to date;
- Projected revenues through September 30, 2025 and proposed adjustments due to revenue shortfalls if any;
- Status of union negotiations;
- Status of outstanding payments due to vendors for FY 2025;
- Property taxes;
- Line of Credit;
- The Budget Stabilization Fund;
- Cash on hand;
- Federal drawdowns and status of federal grants to include FEMA, ARPA and CARES

### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, VI Department of Finance
Mr. Julio Rhymer, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Mr. Joel Lee, Director, VI Bureau of Internal Revenue
Mr. Brent Leerdam, Tax Collector, Office of the Lt. Governor
Mr. Ludence Romney, Tax Assessor, Office of the Lt. Governor
Ms. Joss Springette, Esq., Chief Negotiator, Office of Collective Bargaining
Ms. Cindy L. Richardson, Director, Division of Personnel
Ms. Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery
Dr. Haldane Davies, Director, Bureau of Economic Research

WEDNESDAY,

JUNE 04, 2025

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

Regular Session 10:00 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

# **REGULAR SESSION – OFFICIAL AGENDA**

Date: Time: Location: Call to Order:	Wednesday, June 04, 2025 10:00 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall Honorable Milton E. Potter Senate President, 36 <sup>th</sup> Legislature
Anthems:	National Anthem and Virgin Islands March
Invocation:	Reverend Charles L. Brown, Jr., Chaplain
Roll Call:	Honorable Avery L. Lewis Legislative Secretary

Messages and/or Correspondences

**Committee Reports:** 

**CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:** 

# **CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS**

Honorable Jessica Gallivan Governor's Renomination, Judge, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands

> **Carolyn P. Hermon-Percell, Esq.** University of the Virgin Islands' Board of Trustees

**Mr. Winston M. A. Williams** Virgin Islands Board of Contractors, Trades and Crafts

**Mr. Kirk Callwood, Sr.** Banking Board Virgin Islands Board of Trustees

# **CONSIDERATION OF ZONINGS**

- Bill No. 36-0033 An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. STZ-9 for the island of St. Thomas to rezone Remainder Parcel No. 19-1-2, Parcel No. 19-1-2-7 (Eastern portion), and Parcel No. 19-1-2-7 (Western portion), Estate Smith Bay, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 East End Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands from A-2 (Agricultural Zone) to B-3 (Business Scattered)
- Bill No. <u>36-0034</u> An Act to amend Official Zoning Map No. STZ-9 to allow for the rezoning of Parcel No. 19- 1-2-4 Estate Smith Bay, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 East End Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, from R-1 (Residential-Low Density) to B-3 (Business-Scattered) and to allow for a use variance from the B-3 (Business-Scattered) zoning designation

## **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

- **Bill No.** <u>36-0005</u> An Act amending title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 2, section 99 establishing a mandatory minimum bail amount in domestic violence cases
- Bill No. 36-0021An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part III, chapter 29, subchapter<br/>I relating to opioids and requiring that a practitioner discuss certain<br/>information with a patient when prescribing opioids
- Bill No. 36-0036An Act repealing and reenacting title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter<br/>43, section 512 increasing penalties for traffic violations; establishing a Virgin<br/>Islands Police Department Impound Lot; and for other related purposes

THURSDAY, JUNE 05, 2025

# CHAIR: SENATOR CLIFFORD A. JOSEPH, SR. VICE CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA

Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety 10:00 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The 36th Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety will meet on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

## BLOCK I

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

**Bill No.** <u>36-0020</u> An Act amending title 2 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 6 allowing the Police Chief of the Legislature; the Sergeant-of-Arms; or any security officer of the Legislature; who has peace officer status, to arrest a person who neglects or refuses to appear before the Legislature in obedience to subpoena.

## Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Mario Brooks, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department Mr. Terrence D. Manning, Capitol Police Chief, Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands

# **BLOCK II**

# 11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

**Bill No.** <u>36-0027</u> An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part I, chapter 311 by enacting Jah'niqua's Law requiring a defendant to pay restitution in the form of child maintenance if the victim of the offense was the parent or guardian of a minor child or dependent and if the defendant was convicted of negligent homicide by means of a motor vehicle, a violation of title 20 Virgin Islands Code, section 504, while under the influence of or affected by intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs; or was convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquors or controlled substances, a violation of title 20 Virgin Islands Code, section 493, which results in an accident that causes the victim to become disabled or totally and permanently disabled.

### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Mario Brooks, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department Honorable Gordon Rhea, V.I. Attorney General, Virgin Islands Department of Justice Mr. Frank Harris, Director of Governmental Affairs, Mothers Against Drunk Driving

been acquitted.

LUNCH

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

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

#### **BLOCK III**

- An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 314, section 3733, subsection (a) to require automatic expungement of the arrest record and complaint or information when the accused has
- **Invited Testifiers:**

Bill No. <u>36-0057</u>

Honorable Mario Brooks, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department Honorable Gordon Rhea, V.I. Attorney General, Virgin Islands Department of Justice Julie Smith-Todman, Esq., Chief Public Defender, Virgin Islands Office of the Public Defender

**Bill No.** <u>36-0024</u> An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 85 by adding section 1710 declaring a person incapable of consent to sexual relations while the person is in police custody.

### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Mario Brooks, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department Honorable Gordon Rhea, V.I. Attorney General, Virgin Islands Department of Justice Julie Smith-Todman, Esq., Chief Public Defender, Virgin Islands Office of the Public Defender Anya Stuart, Executive Director, Family Resource Center, Inc.

#### **BLOCK IV**

# 3:15 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.

**Bill No.** <u>36-0031</u> An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, subchapter IV, section 1073 to exempt a public safety agency or private safety entity from liability for acts of negligence in the operation, administration or maintenance of a 911 service unless the acts are committed in a grossly negligent manner or are committed with willful intent.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Gordon Rhea, V.I. Attorney General, Virgin Islands Department of Justice Mr. Daryl Jaschen, Director, V.I. Territorial Management Agency

FRIDAY, JUNE 06, 2025

# **CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

Reserved

MONDAY, JUNE 09, 2025

# CHAIR: SENATOR HUBERT L. FREDERICK VICE CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.

Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

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

Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance 10:00 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

- 10:00 A.M. Department of Finance Public Finance Authority/Office of Disaster Recovery
- 12:00 P.M. LUNCH
- 1:00 P.M. Internal Revenue Bureau
- 3:00 P.M. Office of Management & Budget

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR. VICE CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH

Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports and Parks THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025

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

Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance 10:00 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

10:00 A.M. Career & Technical Education Board

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK** 

Reserved