



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
June 03, 2024 – June 14, 2024

MONDAY,
JUNE 03, 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 has scheduled a meeting for Monday, June 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

BLOCK I

The Committee will receive an overall update on the Department of Planning & Natural Resources. Topics to be discussed will include, but not limited to: Potable Drinking Water Replacement lines funding, a status update on the Comprehensive Land & Water Use Plan, the relocation of the department to its permanent home in the SubBase/Crown Bay area, any projects the department have undertaken or plan to undertake, the status of those projects, and any impediments the department has encountered

Invited Testifier:

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

BLOCK II

The Committee will receive an update from the VI Department of Education. Topics to be discussed may include, but not limited to the Department's planned, ongoing, and completed projects, as well the status of all disaster related federal funding designated for the department. Additionally the committee will receive an update as to any challenges pertaining to the department's role in the territory's disaster recovery efforts.

Invited Testifier:

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

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 04, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 05, 2024**

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

**Committee on Health,
Hospitals and Human Services
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a hearing on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas and the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, on St. Croix.

Bill No. [35-0224](#) An Act amending title 19, part V, chapter 45, subchapter VI to increase access to behavioral health services, with a focus on a Psychiatric Emergency Response Team to provide mobile crisis intervention services, and the 9-8-8 telecommunication system.

The Committee will receive testimony on the status of “Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse”, from the departments, agencies, and organizations perspective here in the Territory. Testimonies should include, in part, the frequency and types of interactions with persons perceived to have mental disabilities.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Ray A. Martinez, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department

Averil E. George, Commissioner Designee, Department of Human Services

Honorable Justa “Tita” E. Encarnacion, Commissioner, Department of Health

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

Wynnie Testamark, Director, Bureau of Corrections

Tina M. Comissiong, Esq., MPA, Chief Executive Officer, Schneider Regional Medical Center

Doug Koch, Chief Executive Officer, Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center

Massarae Sprauve-Webster, Chief Executive Officer, Frederiksted Healthcare

Tess G. Richards, MD, Executive Director, St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corp.

Troy A. de Chabert-Schuster, State Director, AARP of the Virgin Islands

Dr. Laurie McCormick, MD, DFAPA, Founder, Holistic Wellness & Psychiatry

Dr. Denese Marshall Psy.D, Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Andrea Shillingford, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands

Dee Baecher Brown, President, Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

Daniel Derima, Executive Director, Methodist Training & Outreach Center

Anya Stuart, Executive Director, Family Resource Center, Inc.

Junia John Straker, Chief Executive Officer, Lutheran Social Services

Lilli Cox, Director, Communications and Community Investments, St. Croix Foundation

Clema Lewis, Executive Director, Women's Coalition of St. Croix

Darian Torrice-Hairston, LMSW, CSW, Director, Clinical Social Worker, Nana Baby Children's Home

The Committee will continue to receive an update on the status of Mental Health in the Territory.

**THURSDAY,
JUNE 06, 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 Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

BLOCK I

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance will receive testimony from the Government's Financial Team pursuant to V.I. Code, title 2, chapter 2, sections 20d and 22 on the FY 2024 mid-year review of the Government of the Virgin Islands to include but not limited to:

- Fiscal Year 2024 budget appropriations vs revenue collections to date;
- total allotments to date;
- projected revenues through September 30, 2024, and proposed adjustments for FY 2024 due to revenue shortfall, if any;
- status of union negotiations; and
- status of outstanding payments due to vendors for FY 2023

Invited Testifiers:

Jenifer O’Neal, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, Department of Finance

Joel Lee, Director, V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue

Ira R. Mills, Tax Assessor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Brent Leerdam, Tax Collector, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Cindy Richardson, Director, Division of Personnel

Joss Springette, Esq., Chief Negotiator, Office of Collective Bargaining

**FRIDAY,
JUNE 07, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**MONDAY,
JUNE 10, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 11, 2024**

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

**Committee on Homeland Security,
Justice and Public Safety
10:00 A.M.
Cleone H. Creque Legislative Conference Room**

The Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in the Cleone H. Creque Legislative Conference Room on St. John. The agenda is as follows:

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M.

Hurricane Preparedness Update – This update will cover hurricane preparedness by agencies responsible for emergency management. Information provided will include an overview of the current hurricane season forecast and potential risks, updates on evacuation plans, shelter preparations, efforts to strengthen infrastructure resilience and communication strategies.

Invited Testifiers:

Daryl Jaschen, Director, V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency
Averil E. George, Commissioner Designee, V.I. Department of Human Services
Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Public Works

BLOCK II

1:30 P.M.

St. John Celebration Safety/Security Update - This update intends to provide an overview of safety and security efforts ahead of this year's St. John Celebration events. Information provided will include road closures, parking restrictions and accommodations, environmental clean-ups, permitting requirements, trash removal and containerization, and other related matters.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department
Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Public Works
Honorable Joseph Boschulte, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Tourism
Honorable H. Natalie Hodge, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs
Honorable Justa Encarnacion, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Health
Roger E. Merritt, Jr., Executive Director, V.I. Waste Management Authority

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 12, 2024**

**CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.**

**Committee on Economic Development
and Agriculture
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

**THURSDAY,
JUNE 13, 2024**

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

**Committee on Rules and Judiciary
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**FRIDAY,
JUNE 14, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved
