



**35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**SENATE CALENDAR**  
**June 10, 2024 – June 21, 2024**

**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, 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**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 13, 2024**

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

**Committee on Rules and Judiciary**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to consider the following nominations and bills:

**BLOCK I****Invited Testifiers:****Governor's Nomination of Lindel A. Williams**

Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority Board of Directors – St. Croix District

**Governor's Nomination of Conn J. Davis, II**

Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority Board of Directors – St. Thomas District

**BLOCK II**

**Bill No. [35-0032](#)** An Act repealing and reenacting title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 2, relating to government employees' eligibility for elected office, to allow government employees to run for political office while actively employed, unless specifically prohibited by federal or other laws.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Stedmann Hodge, Jr.**, Democratic State Chair, Democratic Party of the Virgin Islands

**John Yob**, Republican State Chair, Republican Party of the Virgin Islands

**Caroline Fawkes**, Supervisor of Election, Virgin Islands Election System

**Cindy Richardson**, Director, Virgin Islands Division of Personnel

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

**BLOCK III**

**Bill No. [35-0117](#)** An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15, sections 421a and 422 relating to the qualifications, term limits, and duties of the members of the Real Estate Commission

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge**, Commissioner, VI Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

**Laurent Alfred, Esq.**, Chairperson, VI Real Estate Commission

**BLOCK IV**

**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

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

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

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

**Massaræ Sprauve-Webster**, CEO, Frederiksted Healthcare, Inc.

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

**BLOCK V**

**Bill No. [35-0193](#)** An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 relating to real estate brokers, sales associates, and property managers.

**Bill No. [35-0230](#)** An Act repealing section 11 of Act No. 6570, as amended, and amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code related to the inspection and licensing of automobiles for hire.

**Bill No. [35-0236](#)** An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code adding a new chapter 33A to enact the “21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act (IDEA)” to improve governmental agency digital services, and for other purposes.

**Bill No. [35-0255](#)** An Act approving the multi-year lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement and Rumina Construction, LLC, for Parcel No. 92 A (Revised) Submarine Base, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to operate an equipment and material storage depot yard, construction company office, and other related purposes.

**Bill No. [35-0261](#)** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Dale Browne and Yvette Browne d/b/a Sejah Farm of the Virgin Islands for Plot No. 9-P Estate VICORP Lands, Prince Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

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**FRIDAY,  
JUNE 14, 2024**

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

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**Committee on Budget,  
Appropriations and Finance  
9:00 A.M.  
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance has scheduled a hearing to discuss leases and receive testimony on the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

**9:00 A.M. Leases**

**12:30 P.M. Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services  
Antonio Stevens, Director**

**2:30 P.M. Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency  
Darryl Jaschen, Director**

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**MONDAY,  
JUNE 17, 2024**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY**

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

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The Committee on Education and Workforce Development has scheduled a meeting for Monday, June 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to consider the following:

## **BLOCK I**

The Committee will receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Department of Education on data and information received from all public school principals during the Year-End School Data Review Presentation for SY23-24; including but not limited to the following: enrollment statistics, academic performance data, financial overview, classroom configurations for SY24-25, technology resources, accomplishments linked to School Improvement Plans, and challenges or obstacles encountered during the SY23-24.

The Committee will also receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Board of Education on its assessment of the SY23-24 and its recommendations to improve the quality of education for the upcoming school year.

The St. Croix Public School Parent Coalition will present concerns that have been identified by public school students, parents/guardians, and staff including the following prioritized issues: teacher shortages, a lack of academic programming, equipment maintenance, bullying/behavior management, transparent communications, and internet connectivity.

### **Invited Testifiers:**

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

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

**Abdul Ali**, Chairman, St. Croix Public School Parent Coalition

## **BLOCK II**

The Committee will hear testimony for, against, or neither for or against the following legislation:

**Bill No. [35-0252](#)** An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code by adding a chapter 44A, relating to the establishment of the Virgin Islands High School Graduation Plan Act, to assist students to graduate from high school and successfully transition to post-secondary education, to the workforce, or to the military.

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

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

**Honorable Averil George**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Human Services

**Honorable Gary Molloy**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Labor

**Dwayne Alexander**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority

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

**Angus Drigo**, Executive Director, Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands

**Bill No. [35-0270](#)** An Act amending Title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, subchapter I, requiring the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Education to establish, maintain, and administer a school suspension program for students who are suspended from a public school for three or more school days.

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

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

**Honorable Averil George**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Human Services

**Honorable Gary Molloy**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Labor

**Dwayne Alexander**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority

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

**Angus Drigo**, Executive Director, Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands

**BLOCK III**

The Committee will hear testimony for, against, or neither for or against the following legislation:

**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.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Kevin McCurdy**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Finance

**Honorable Gary Molloy**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Labor

**TUESDAY,  
JUNE 18, 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. Otley Legislative Hall**

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**9:00 A.M. Office of Management and Budget  
Jenifer O'Neal, Director**

**12:30 P.M. Department of Finance  
Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner**

**2:30 P.M. Public Finance Authority  
Nathan Simmonds, Director of Finance and Administration**

**Office of Disaster Recovery  
Adrienne Williams-Ocatalien, Director**

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**WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 19, 2024**

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**Holiday**

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**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 20, 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**

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- 9:00 A.M. Bureau of Information Technology  
Rupert Ross, Director**
- 12:30 P.M. Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
Barbara Jackson-McIntosh, Director**
- 2:30 P.M. Elections System of the Virgin Islands  
Caroline Fawkes, Supervisor**
- V.I. Board of Elections  
Alecia Wells, Chairperson**
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**FRIDAY,  
JUNE 21, 2024**

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

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**Committee on Budget,  
Appropriations and Finance**

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

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- 9:00 A.M. Virgin Islands Energy Office  
Kyle Fleming, Director**
- 12:30 P.M. Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue  
Joel Lee, Director**
- 2:30 P.M. Public Services Commission  
Sandra L. Setorie, Executive Director**
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