



**35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**REVISED SENATE CALENDAR**  
**June 12, 2023 – June 23, 2023**

**MONDAY,  
JUNE 12, 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, June 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Office of Management and Budget</b> <b>Ms. Jenifer O'Neal, Director</b>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Department of Education</b> <b>Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, EdD, Commissioner</b>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Board of Education</b> <b>Dr. Kyza A. Callwood, Chairman</b>
	<b>VI Career &amp; Technical Education Board</b> <b>Mrs. Joann A. Murphy, Chairperson</b>

**TUESDAY,  
JUNE 13, 2023**

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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,  
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**9:00 A.M.**

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The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Department of Tourism</b> <b>Honorable Joseph Boschulte, Commissioner</b>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Department of Finance</b> <b>Mrs. Clarina Modeste-Elliot, Acting Commissioner</b>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Public Finance Authority</b> <b>Mr. Nathan Simmonds, Director</b>
	<b>Office of Disaster Recovery</b> <b>Mrs. Adrienne L. Williams-Octalien, Director</b>

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**WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 14, 2023**

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

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**Regular Session**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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## REGULAR SESSION - OFFICIAL AGENDA

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

**Call to Order:** Honorable Novelte E. Francis, Jr.  
Senate President

**Invocation:** Rev. Charles L. Brown, Jr.  
Chaplain

**Anthems:** National Anthem and Virgin Islands March

**Roll Call:** Honorable Carla J. Joseph  
Legislative Secretary

### **Messages and/or Correspondences**

**Committee Reports:** Chairperson of Standing Committees

### **Special Orders and Overrides:**

### **CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS**

**Ariel M. Smith, Esq.**

Attorney General of the Virgin Islands

**Judge Harold Willocks**

Re-nomination, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, District of St. Croix

**Yvette D. Ross-Edwards, Esq.**

Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, District of St. Croix

**Anna Wallace**

Virgin Islands Territorial Park Board of Trustees

The Thirty-Fifth Legislature will rise out of Legislative Session and convene in a Committee of the Whole Hearing to receive testimony on the following:

**Bill No. [35-0105](#)** An Act ratifying the Governor's approval of Minor Coastal Zone Permit CZT-12-16W issued to Emerald Beach Corporation d/b/a Emerald Beach Hotel for a term of 20 years for the installation, use, and occupancy of submerged land by three swim buoys, an Aquabana and a floating dinghy dock seaward of Parcel Nos. 70-D-1 and 70-T-1, Estate Lindbergh Bay, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

**Invited Testifiers:**

**The Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol**, Commissioner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources

**Mr. Marlon Hibbert**, Director, Division of Coastal Zone Management, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources

**Mr. Carlton Dowe**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Port Authority

**Mr. David Gosine**, Owner and President, Calypso Water Sports, LLC

The Thirty-Fifth Legislature will rise out of Committee of the Whole and reconvene into Legislative Session to consider the following:

**CONSIDERATION OF ZONINGS**

**Bill No. [35-0079](#)** An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. SCZ-10 for the island of St. Croix to change the zoning designation of Plot No. 71 Consolidate Estate Concordia, West End Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to R-3 (Residential-Medium Density)

**Bill No. [35-0080](#)** An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. SCZ-10 for the island of St. Croix to rezone Plot No. 52-B Estate Hannah's Rest, West End Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, from C (Commercial) to B-3 (Business Scattered)

**Bill No. [35-0092](#)** An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. SCZ-11 for the island of St. Croix to rezone Plot No. 140-H Estate St. George, Prince Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to B-3 Business Scattered

## CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**Bill No. [35-0016](#)** A Resolution honoring and commending the Board of Elections; the Supervisor of Elections, Caroline Fawkes, and the entire Virgin Islands Election System team for their tireless service and contributions to the Virgin Islands community and on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Election System of the Virgin Islands

**Bill No. [35-0062](#)** A Resolution honoring and commending Gregory Hodge, b.k.a. DJ Avalanche for his outstanding contributions as a disk jockey, radio talk show host, and entertainer and presenting to him the Official Key to the Virgin Islands

## CONSIDERATION OF BILL

**Bill No. [35-0012](#)** An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 19, subchapter III, section 1556 relating to the retirement from the National Guard to increase the retirement pension

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**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 15, 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**

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The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

**9:00 AM**      **Office of the Governor**  
**Mr. Karl Knight**, Chief of Staff

**12:00 PM**      **LUNCH**

**12:30 PM**      **Office of the Lieutenant Governor**  
**Mrs. Monica Williams-Carbon**, Chief of Staff

**Bill No. [35-0067](#)**      An Act approving and the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Inter Island Auto Group, LLC d/b/a VIP Quick Lube for Improved Parcel No. 70 Submarine Base, No. 6A Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to be used as a new and used car dealership, repair shop, importer of goods, retail shops, store, and for other related purposes

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Lisa Alejandro**, Acting Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement  
**Pablo H. Pedro**, Inter Island Auto Group

**Bill No. [35-0077](#)**      An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement and St. Thomas Rescue, Inc., Parcel No. 146 Revised Submarine Base No. 6, Southwest Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, consisting of a one-story building, on approximately 0.1899 U.S. acres of improved land more-or-less, zoned P, for the purpose of operating a long-term headquarters for all rescue related activities of the Lessee, and for other related purposes

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Lisa Alejandro**, Acting Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement  
**Mr. Liston Thomas**, President, St. Thomas Rescue

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**FRIDAY,**  
**JUNE 16, 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**

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The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Friday, June 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

**9:00 AM**                    **Office of Veterans Affairs**  
**Mr. Patrick Farrell, Director**

**12:00 PM**                    **Lunch**

**12:30 PM**                    **VI Fire and Emergency Medical Services**  
**Mr. Daryl George Sr., Director**

**2:30 PM**                    **VI Territorial Emergency Management Agency**  
**Mr. Daryl Jaschen, Director**

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**MONDAY,**  
**JUNE 19, 2023**

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**Holiday**

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**TUESDAY,**  
**JUNE 20, 2023**

**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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The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

**9:00 AM**                    **Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs**  
**Honorable Richard T. Evangelista, Esq., Commissioner**

**12:00 PM**                    **Lunch**

**12:30 PM**                    **V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue**  
**Mr. Joel Lee, Director**

**WEDNESDAY,**  
**JUNE 21, 2023**

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

**Committee on Economic Development  
and Agriculture**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture of the 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature will commence a hearing on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

**BLOCK I**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Committee will receive an update on the status of The University of the Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park (RT Park) programs.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Mr. Peter Chapman**, Chief Executive Officer, U.V.I Research and Technology Park (RT Park)

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**12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

**BLOCK II**

**1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive an update status from the Virgin Islands Department of Planning & Natural Resources operations and funding. Additionally, the committee will also receive a status update from the Division of Fish and Wildlife to include the farming and fishing industries.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol**, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources  
**Nicole F. Angeli, PhD**, Director, Division of Fish and Wildlife, DPNR



**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 22, 2023**

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

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

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**FRIDAY,  
JUNE 23, 2023**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN**

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**Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging,  
Sports, and Parks  
10:00 A.M.  
Cleone H. Creque Legislative Conference Room**

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The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks has scheduled a hearing for Friday, June 23, 2023, 10:00 AM at the Cleone H. Creque Legislative Annex on St. John to receive testimony and updates regarding youth programs and initiatives from Department of Human Services, Department of Labor, Virgin Islands Police Department, Department of Justice, Virgin Islands Fire & Emergency Medical Services, as well as being introduced to key stakeholders who are promoting and facilitating aviation careers to our youth. The committee will also consider Bill No. 35-0078 – a bill to require the Commissioner of the Department of Tourism to conduct a territory wide survey of the residents of the Virgin Islands to assist in the establishment of an official dish and dessert of the Virgin Islands.

**BLOCK I****10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

**Bill No. [35-0078](#)** A bill to require the Commissioner of the Department of Tourism to conduct a territory wide survey of the residents of the Virgin Islands to assist in the establishment of an official dish and dessert of the Virgin Islands.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Joseph Boschulte**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Tourism

**Sandra Gerard-Leung**, Ambassadorial Chef

**Digby Stridiron**, Ambassadorial Chef

**Julius Jackson**, Ambassadorial Chef

**Taj Siwatu**, Ambassadorial Chef

**BLOCK II****11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

Testimony and information regarding programs and initiatives that introduce young people to the aviation industry, and particularly, to consider a career path as a private or commercial pilot. Update on the Coral Wings program through UVI CELL that was established with the FAA Grant award in April of 2023. To receive stakeholder analysis of the pathways, obstacles, opportunities, deficiencies, and needs of their respective organizations, programs, and initiatives.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Makeda Dawson**, Founder, Love City Flight Club

**Dior Parsons**, Founder, Society 340

**Justin Bartosh**, Pilot and Instructor, UflyUVI & Standard Aviation

**Suzanne Darrow-Magras**, Director, UVI CELL

**BLOCK III****1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

Testimony and updates on the status of youth programs and youth initiatives from Department of Human Services' Youth and Aging Services & Programs such as your Intervention & Prevention Services, Head start Programs, Youth Rehabilitation Centers (in collaboration with DOJ), Foster Care, Senior Living Centers, and Senior Recreation Centers. Also, the Department of Labor's Summer Youth Work Experience Program (SYWEP), Labor Investing For Tomorrow (LIFT) Internship Program, the Career Exploration Program, Jobs for America Graduates (JAG), and the Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) and any other services or programs that the department offers for the youth and aging (elderly) population.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Kimberly Causey-Gomez**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Human Services

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