



**35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**REVISED SENATE CALENDAR**  
**June 17, 2024 – June 28, 2024**

**MONDAY,  
JUNE 17, 2024**

**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 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. [35-0240](#)** 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. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance has scheduled a hearing to receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

**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/Office of Disaster Recovery  
Kevin McCurdy, Executive Director**

**WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 19, 2024**

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**Holiday**

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**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 20, 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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The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance has scheduled a hearing to receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.

**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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The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance has scheduled a hearing to receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 21, 2024 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.

**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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**MONDAY,  
JUNE 24, 2024**

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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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**TUESDAY,  
JUNE 25, 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 receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

**9:00 A.M. Department of Planning and Natural Resources  
Honorable Jean Pierre Oriol, Commissioner**

**VI Council on the Arts  
Historic Preservation Committee**

**12:30 P.M. Department of Tourism  
Honorable Joseph Boschulte, Commissioner**

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**WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 26, 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 receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

**9:00 A.M. Department Public Works**  
**Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner**

**12:30 P.M. V.I. Waste Management Authority**  
**Roger Merrit, Executive Director**

**2:30 P.M. Department of Sports, Parks & Recreation**  
**Honorable Calvert White, Commissioner**

**VI Olympic Committee**  
**Angel L. Morales, President**

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**THURSDAY,**  
**JUNE 27, 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**

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The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance has scheduled a hearing to receive testimony and discuss the budget of various departments and agencies at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

**9:00 A.M. Department of Labor**  
**Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner**

**12:30 P.M. Division of Personnel  
Cindy L. Richardson, Director**

**Government Employees Services Commission  
Beverly Joseph, Chairwoman**

**2:30 P.M. Office of Collective Bargaining  
Joss Springette, Esq., Chief Negotiator**

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**FRIDAY,  
JUNE 28, 2024**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.**

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**Committee on Government Operations,  
Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

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The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 28, 2024 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix. The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

**BLOCK I**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

**Bill No. [35-0195](#)** A Resolution honoring and commending Mr. Willard John for his many contributions to the youth and the culture of the Virgin Islands.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Wallace Williams**, Resident

**Honorable Vargrave Richards**, Former Lt. Governor

**Mr. Whitman Browne**, Resident

**Ms. Aminah Saleem**, Resident

**Ms. Alscess Brown**, Resident

**Honorable Samuel Sanes**, St. Croix Administrator

**Mr. Carl Gotts**, Resident

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

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

**Bill No. [35-0239](#)** An Act honoring and commending Mrs. Claire Lorraine Brown Roker for her dedicated service to the Virgin Islands community by naming the visitors center at the Ann E. Abramson Marine Facility, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, the “Claire L. Roker Visitors Center”.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Glendia Caines**, Resident

**Mr. Jose Raul Carrillo**, Resident

**Dr. Clema Lewis**, Resident

**Ms. Bridget Dawson**, Resident

**Mr. Rupert Ross**, Resident

**Honorable Ronald Russell. Esq.**, Former Senate President

**Mr. Jimmy Warren, Jr.**, Resident

**Mr. Christopher Richardson**, Resident

**Honorable Donna Christian-Christensen, MD**, Former Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress

**Ms. Melody Rames**, Resident

**LUNCH****1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.****BLOCK III****2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

**Bill No. [35-0242](#)** A Resolution honoring and commending Miguel Santos, Jr., aka “DJ Poppy Pops” for his contributions in the field of music and in radio broadcasting of musical events and local social musical events and specifically contributing to the art of deejaying and the teaching of deejaying.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Delvin D. Duggins, Sr.**, Resident

**Ms. Juanita Boneque**, Resident

**Mr. Jamall Mingo**, Resident

**Ms. Maricela Santos**, Resident

**Mr. Melvin Forbes**, Resident

**Mr. Collin Hodge**, Resident



**BLOCK IV****3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

**Bill No. [35-0198](#)** An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 8, by adding subchapter III to institute a ban prohibiting any food service establishment and food service provider from selling or distributing in the Virgin Islands a disposable food container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam and prohibiting any manufacturer or store from providing polystyrene loose fill packaging.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Dawn Henry, Esq.**, Senior Advisor, Beyond Plastic

**Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Licensing and Consumer

**Honorable Jean Pierre Oriol**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Planning & Natural Resources

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