



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
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. [35-0252](#) 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.

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

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. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The 35th 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**

JUNETEENTH

Holiday

**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

The 35th 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**

**FRIDAY,
JUNE 21, 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

The 35th 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**

**MONDAY,
JUNE 24, 2024**

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

Regular Session

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 25, 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. Ottery Legislative Hall**

The 35th 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. Ottery 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**

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 26, 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. Ottery Legislative Hall**

The 35th 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

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

The 35th 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

FRIDAY,
JUNE 28, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved
