



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
June 24, 2024 – July 05, 2024

MONDAY,
JUNE 24, 2024

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

Regular Session
09:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

REGULAR SESSION - OFFICIAL AGENDA - REVISED

Time: 9:00 A.M.

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

Invocation: Reverend Charles L. Brown, Jr.
Chaplain, 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Anthems: National Anthem and Virgin Islands March

Roll Call: Honorable Carla J. Joseph
Legislative Secretary

Messages and/or Correspondences:

The **Thirty-Fifth Legislature** will convene into the Committee of the Whole to receive testimony on the following:

Bill No. [35-0291](#) An Act appropriating the sum of \$3,000,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Human Services to pay providers and vendors that participate in the Medicaid program and for other related purposes

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, Department of Finance
Honorable Averil George, Commissioner, VI Department of Human Services
Gary Smith, Director, VI Medicaid Program, VI Department of Human Services
Denelle Baptiste, Assistant Commissioner, VI Department of Human Services
Lydia Magras, Chief Financial Officer, VI Department of Human Services

Bill No. [35-0292](#) An Act to renew and extend the Governor’s Executive Order and Proclamation declaring the State of Energy Emergency in the Virgin Islands to avert an energy crisis

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, Department of Finance

Kevin Williams, Chief Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

Daryl Jaschen, Director, VITEMA

Andrew Smith, Chief Executive Officer, WAPA

Ashley Bryan, Interim Chief Operating Officer, WAPA

Kyle Fleming, Chairman, WAPA Governing Board

The **Thirty-Fifth Legislature** will then reconvene into Legislative Session to consider the following:

Committee Reports: Chairperson of Standing Committees

SPECIAL ORDERS/OVERRIDES:

CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS

Jamila L. Christopher

Nominee, Virgin Islands Cannabis Advisory Board

(Unfavorable Recommendation)

Lindel A. Williams

Nominee, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority Board of Directors - St. Croix

Conn J. Davis, II

Nominee, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority Board of Directors - St. Thomas

CONSIDERATION OF ZONINGS

Bill No. [35-0137](#) An Act granting a use variance for Parcel No. 9-3 Estate Glucksberg No. 22 Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John, Virgin Islands to allow the applicant to lease individual bedrooms under the category “Lodging/Rooming house”

- Bill No. [35-0241](#)** An Act granting a zoning use variance for Lot No. 3 Second Street, Subdivision of Estate Thomas, Kings Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to allow for a restaurant and a fruit bar
- Bill No. [35-0244](#)** An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. SCZ-10 to rezone Plots No. 126A, 126B, 126C, 126CA, 127E Combined, and 212 Estate Two Brothers, Smithfield and Hesselberg, West End Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, from W-1 (Waterfront-Pleasure) to R-3 (Residential-Medium Density)
- Bill No. [35-0256](#)** An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. SJZ-1, St. John, Virgin Islands, to allow for the rezoning of Parcel No. 6-A Estate Susannaberg, No. 17A Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to P (Public)
- Bill No. [35-0260](#)** An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. SCZ-12 for the island of St. Croix, Virgin Islands rezoning Plot No. 6, Parcel 6 of Estate Clifton Hill, Kings Quarter, St. Croix from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to B-3 (Business Scattered)

CONSIDERATION OF LEASES

- Bill No. [35-0263](#)** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Sanchez Ventures, LLC for Parcel No.1 Estate Contant, No. 7B Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Parcels No. 194-2 and 194-2A Estate Altona and Welgunst, Crown Prince Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; and Parcels No. 10 and 11A Submarine Base, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- Bill No. [35-0264](#)** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Verdell Turnbull d/b/a Turnbull Welding Service for Parcel No. 99A-1 Submarine Base, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- Bill No. [35-0265](#)** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Department of Property and Procurement, and St. Thomas Properties, LLC for Consolidated Parcel No. 17-3A Estate Nisky, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- Bill No. [35-0030](#)** An Act honoring and commending Vaughn Benjamin posthumously for his contributions to reggae music in the Virgin Islands and the global communities; appropriating \$45,000 to the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation for the design and construction of the "Vaughn Benjamin Monument" and naming the waterfront park west of the Marley Homes "The Vaughn 'Akae Beka' Memorial Park"
- 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
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**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. 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 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**

**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. 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 Wednesday, June 26, 2024 in the Earle B. Otley 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. Otley Legislative Hall

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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**

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

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

10:00 A.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

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. [35-0239](#) 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

BLOCK II

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.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 Sammuell Sanes, St. Croix Administrator
Mr. Carl Gotts, 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

**MONDAY,
JULY 01, 2024**

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

**Committee on Budget,
Appropriations and Finance
9:00 A.M.
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**9:00 A.M. Department of Education
Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner**

12:30 P.M. VI Career & Technical Education/Board of Education

**TUESDAY,
JULY 02, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
JULY 3, 2024**

Emancipation Day

Holiday

**THURSDAY,
JULY 4, 2024**

Independence Day

Holiday

**FRIDAY,
JULY 05, 2024**

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

**Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging,
Sports, and Parks
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**
