



36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
June 30, 2025 – July 11, 2025

**MONDAY,
JUNE 30, 2025**

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

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations
and Finance**
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on **Monday, June 30, 2025, 10:00 A.M.** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** on St. Thomas to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Office of the Adjutant General
Kodjo Knox-Limbacker, Adjutant General

BLOCK II

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Office of Veterans Affairs
Patrick Farrell, Director

BLOCK III

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

V.I. Department of Education
Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner

TUESDAY,
JULY 01, 2025

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

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and Finance
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

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BLOCK I 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Barbara Jackson McIntosh, Director

BLOCK II 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Department of Sports, Parks & Recreation
Vincent Roberts, Commissioner Nominee

BLOCK III 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Department of Property & Procurement
Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 02, 2025

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
JULY 03, 2025**

Emancipation Day

Holiday

**FRIDAY,
JULY 04, 2025**

Independence Day

Holiday

**MONDAY,
JULY 07, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR HUBERT L. FREDERICK**

**Committee on Health,
Hospitals and Human Services
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on **Monday, July 07, 2025, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, on St. Thomas.**

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

- Bill No. [36-0079](#)** An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part IV, chapter 37, to add a new subchapter mandating territorial hospitals to provide paternity testing services upon request.
- Bill No. [36-0003](#)** An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code relating to nursing homes and assisted living facilities by adding a new chapter 76 to establish the services that nursing homes and assisted living facilities are required to provide; establishing limitations on financial charges, requirements for visitation, and the rights of a resident.

Invited Testifiers:

- Honorable Justa Encarnacion**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Health
Mr. Gordon Rhea, Esq., Attorney General, V.I. Department of Justice
Honorable Averil E. George, Commissioner, Department of Human Services
Mr. Troy Schuster, Virgin Islands State Director, American Association of Retired Persons

BLOCK II

1:15 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

The committee will receive a comprehensive overview of the growing challenges posed by the direct discharge of minimally processed wastewater in public areas and brine discharge in our bays, which threatens environmental safety, public hygiene, and community health. This synopsis should help us understand both the immediate and long-term health risks, including potential disease outbreaks, and to provide guidance on best practices for sewage management, public health protection, and coordinated government response.

Invited Testifiers:

- Honorable Justa Encarnacion**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Health
Honorable Jean Pierre-Oriol, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Mr. Daryl Griffith, Interim Executive Director, V.I. Waste Management Authority
Mr. Karl Knight, Executive Director & CEO, V.I. Water & Power Authority

**TUESDAY,
JULY 08, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
JULY 09, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR CLIFFORD A. JOSEPH, SR.**

**Committee on Housing, Transportation
and Telecommunications**

9:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Housing, Transportation and Telecommunications will meet on **Wednesday, July 09, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**, to address issues related to the residential housing market from the perspective of the various Housing, Banking & Insurance invitees. The committee will engage in a discussion of various topics impacting homeownership in the Virgin Islands, including, but not limited to, construction costs, zoning and building code requirements, local and federal government policies and programs, the cost and availability of financing, the cost and accessibility of insurance, the attainability of labor, and the availability and reliability of contractors.

Invited Testifiers:

Eugene Jones, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

David Bennett, Chief Executive Officer, VI Territorial Association of Realtors

Ada Rivera, Acting Area Director, USDA Rural Development Virgin Islands

James Crites, Chairman, Virgin Islands Bankers Association

Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery

Wayne Biggs, Chief Executive Officer, Economic Development Authority

Sandra Harty, President, Virgin Islands Insurance Association

John Woods, Chairman, Board of Architects, Engineering and Land Surveyors

Honorable Tregenza Roach, Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands

Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources

**THURSDAY,
JULY 10, 2025**

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

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations
and Finance**

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on **Thursday, July 10, 2025, 10:00 A.M.** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** on St. Thomas to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

10:00 A.M. Department of Planning & Natural Resources

12:00 P.M. LUNCH

1:00 P.M. Virgin Islands Council on the Arts

3:00 P.M. Historic Preservation Commission

**FRIDAY,
JULY 11, 2025**

**PRESIDENT: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER
VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS**

Committee of the Whole

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
