



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
March 18, 2024 – March 29, 2024

**MONDAY,
MARCH 18, 2024**

CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES

**Committee on Housing, Transportation
and Telecommunications**
9:00 A.M.
TOUR

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 19, 2024**

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

**Committee on Budget,
Appropriations and Finance**
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the **Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room**, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

BLOCK I

The Committee will receive testimony from the V.I. Taxicab Commission on their financial operations.

Invited Testifier:

Ms. Vernice Gumbs, Executive Director, V.I. Taxicab Commission

BLOCK II

Bill No. [35-0207](#) An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part I, adding chapter 6a to create the Territorial Chronic Kidney Disease and Diabetes Registry

Invited Testifier:

Ms. Jenifer O’Neal, Director, Office of Management and Budget

BLOCK III

Lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of Department of Property and Procurement, and Pro Mar Services, Inc. Leased property is Parcel Nos. 149-2, 159A, 159-1, and 159 Remainder Submarine Base, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Lisa M. Alejandro, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement

Mr. Jean Patrick Vivot, President, Pro Mar Services, Inc.

Lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of Department of Property and Procurement, and the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority. Leased premises: Plot B Lagoon Street Complex, Frederiksted Town, West End Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Lisa M. Alejandro, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement

Ms. Dayna Clendinen, Interim Executive Director, V.I. Housing Finance Authority

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 20, 2024**

**CHAIR: SENATOR DIANE T. CAPEHART
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER**

Committee on Rules and Judiciary

9:30 A.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for **Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.** in the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands** to consider the following **nominations, bills, and resolutions:**

BLOCK I

Governor's Nomination of the Honorable Harold W. L. Willocks, Esq.
Justice of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands

BLOCK II

Governor's Nomination of Averil E. George
Commissioner Nominee, Virgin Islands Department of Human Services

BLOCK III

Governor's Nomination of Antonio O. Stevens
Director Nominee, Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services

BLOCK IV

Bill No. [35-0115](#) An Act repealing title 24 Virgin Islands Code chapter 17, subchapter II, "Limited Use of Criminal Records in Hiring Practices," and enacting in its place "The Fair Chance for Employment Act" relative to criminal record checks in the employment application process; and amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, subchapter I, section 452 requiring the Director of Personnel to develop and implement fair chance hiring policies; and for other related purposes

Bill No. [35-0196](#) An Act to amend title 3 Virgin Islands Code, sections 717(c) and 766(c) to establish a deadline for the GERS to resume the personal loan program, remove the \$10,000,000 annual aggregate amount and the 8% interest rate cap, limit the system's liability to \$75,000, and set a parameter in section 717 that all loans must be structured such that the payoff date occurs before the retiree reaches age 70

Bill No. [35-0226](#) An Act amending title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, subchapter I, section 345, subsection (c) by establishing a minimum amount for child support

BLOCK V

Bill No. [35-0107](#) An Act posthumously honoring and commending Ms. Fenella Cooper for her contributions to the fields of education, sports and culture, and naming the UVI tennis courts in her honor

Bill No. [35-0184](#) An Act to honor and commend Viggo E. Sewer posthumously for his ultimate contribution to the Virgin Islands and renaming East End Road on Route 10 on the island of St. John, in his honor

- Bill No. [35-0208](#)** A Resolution honoring and commending Mrs. Bernice Alma Turnbull for her lifetime of service and dedication to the people of the Virgin Islands
- Bill No. [35-0223](#)** An Act renaming a portion of Gamle Gade “William A. Industrious Street”
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**THURSDAY,
MARCH 21, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 22, 2024**

**CHAIR: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DIANE T. CAPEHART**

**Committee on Disaster Recovery,
Infrastructure and Planning
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning will meet on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**, on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to consider the following:

BLOCK I

The committee will receive an update with respect to the status of the VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources.

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Jean Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Planning & Natural Resources

BLOCK II

The Committee will meet receive testimony with respect to the territory's goals, and strategies under consideration involving the "bundling" of disaster recovery projects.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Jean Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Planning & Natural Resources
Mrs. Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, Virgin Islands Office of Disaster Recovery

**MONDAY,
MARCH 25, 2023**

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

Regular Session**10:00 A.M.****Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 26, 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 Tuesday, March 26, 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 measure:

BLOCK I**10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

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 waterfront park west of the Marley Homes “The Vaughn ‘Akae Beka’ Memorial Park”.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Shenneth Canegata, Resident
Ms. Asasia Benjamin, Resident
Mr. Jahi Benjamin, Resident
Ms. Tysa Benjamin, Resident
Ms. Niani Benjamin, Resident
Mr. Kwengo Benjamin, Resident
Mr. Staworro Benjamin, Resident
Ms. Graciella Benjamin, Resident
Mr. Farrach Acevedo, Resident
Mr. Raymond Armstrong, Resident
Mr. Bevan Smith, Jr., Resident
Mr. Dale Wathey, Resident
Mr. Michael Lionel, Resident
Mr. Phil Codrington, Resident

LUNCH**12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.****BLOCK II****2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

The Committee will tour the Office of the Lieutenant Governor Facility in Christiansted, St. Croix.

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 27, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 28, 2024**

HOLY THURSDAY

Holiday

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 29, 2023**

GOOD FRIDAY

Holiday
