



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
May 06, 2024 – May 17, 2024

MONDAY,
MAY 06, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

TUESDAY,
MAY 07, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

WEDNESDAY,
MAY 08, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

THURSDAY,
MAY 09, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
MAY 10, 2024**

**CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS**

**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 hearing on Friday, May 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the status of “Mental Health”, from the departments, agencies, and organizations perspective here in the Territory. Testimonies should include, in part, the frequency and types of interactions with persons perceived to have mental disabilities.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington EdD, Commissioner, Department of Education

Honorable Averil E. George, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

Ms. Tina M. Comissiong, Esq., MPA, Chief Executive Officer, Schneider Regional Hospital and Medical Center

Mr. Doug Koch, Chief Executive Officer, Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center

Ms. Wynn Timermark, Director, Bureau of Corrections

Dr. Tess G. Richards, Executive Director, St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corp.

Ms. Junia John-Straker, Chief Executive Officer, Lutheran Social Services

Mrs. Andrea Shillingford, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands

Ms. Anya Stuart, Executive Director, Family Resource Center, Inc.

Ms. Lilli Cox, Director, Communications and Community Investments, St. Croix Foundation

Dr. Clema Lewis, Executive Director, Women’s Coalition of St. Croix

Mr. Troy A. de Chabert-Schuster, State Director, AARP of the Virgin Islands

LUNCH

1:05 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.

BLOCK II**1:50 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

The Committee will continue to receive an update on the status of Mental Health in the Territory.

**MONDAY,
MAY 13, 2024**

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

The Committee of the Whole**10:00 A.M.****Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix**

**TUESDAY,
MAY 14, 2024**

**CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA**

Committee on Homeland Security,**Justice and Public Safety****10:00 A.M.****Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix**

Please be advised that the 35th Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for **10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, on St. Croix**. The Committee is expected to receive testimony on several bills.

The agenda is as follows:

BLOCK I**10:00 A.M.**

Bill No. 35-0248 A Resolution petitioning United States Congress to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to authorize the people of the Virgin Islands to elect the Attorney General of the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Gordon Rhea, Attorney General Nominee, V.I. Department of Justice
Julie Smith-Todman, Chief Public Defender, Office of the Territorial Public Defender
Marjorie Whalen, President, V.I. Bar Association

LUNCH**12:30 P.M.****BLOCK II****1:30 P.M.**

Bill No. 35-0238 An Act to confer peace officer status on qualified enforcement officers employed by the Government Employees Retirement System of the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department
Angel L. Dawson, Jr., Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System

BLOCK III**2:30 P.M.**

Bill No. 35-0215 An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 457, subsection (a), paragraph (3), relating to the contents of a firearm license to change the statement in the license increasing the term of the license from three years to five years.

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department

Bill No. 35-0243 An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 470 to require individuals to obtain permission from the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Police Department before purchasing firearm components that will be mailed or shipped to the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department
Gordon Rhea, Attorney General Nominee, V.I. Department of Justice
Eric Oram, Postal Inspector, United States Postal Service
Levi MacSheen, Firearms Dealer, Star Time Firearms

Bill No. 35-0250 An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, by adding section 454b banning assault rifles in the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department

Gordon Rhea, Attorney General Nominee, V.I. Department of Justice

Eric Oram, Postal Inspector, United States Postal Service

Levi MacSheen, Firearms Dealer, Star Time Firearms

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 15, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
MAY 16, 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

**FRIDAY,
MAY 17, 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**
