



36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
May 12, 2025 – May 23, 2025

MONDAY,
MAY 12, 2025

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

TUESDAY,
MAY 13, 2024

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Reserved

WEDNESDAY,
MAY 14, 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 & Telecommunications has scheduled a meeting for **9:00 A.M.** on **Wednesday, May 14, 2025, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.**

BLOCK I

Update and discussion on the current status of infrastructure projects and future development plans, with an emphasis on the strategic use of federal broadband funding. Topics include challenges in coordinating between telecommunications providers and government agencies—particularly around permitting, access to utility poles, conduits, and related infrastructure. Additional issues include inter-provider challenges, such as the portability of telephone numbers.

For public sector organizations, the discussion will address the status of efforts around, interoperability cybersecurity, and the management and upkeep of government websites and digital portals used for conducting official business and communicating with the public.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

Ravindra Maywahlall, General Manager, Liberty, USVI

Karl Knight, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority

Attorney Ileana Canellas, Managing Corporate Counsel, T-Mobile, Puerto Rico

Stephan Adams, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network

Siobhan James-Alexander, Chief Executive Officer, Viya

Julio Rhymer, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Rupert Ross, Director, Bureau of Information Technology

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BLOCK II

Bill No. [36-0022](#) An Act amending title 28 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 31, subchapter I, section 752 relating to notice for the termination of month-to-month residential tenancies and adding section 752 (b) requiring fair notice for rent increases for residential tenancies

Invited Testifiers:

Dwayne Alexander, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority

Troy Schuster, State Director, AAPR, American Association of Retired Persons – VI

Dan Derima, Executive Director, Meeting the Needs of the Community, Inc.

Dr. Suzanne Darrow-Magras, Board Secretary, VI Continuum of Care

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

**THURSDAY,
MAY 15, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
MAY 16, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

**African Liberation Day Ceremony
9:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**MONDAY,
MAY 19, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**TUESDAY,
MAY 20, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR AVERY L. LEWIS
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.**

**Committee on Government Operations,
Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.**

BLOCK I

Bill No. [36-0007](#) A Resolution honoring and commending James Sasso for distinguished service in the mortuary and funeral service industry.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Glen Kwabena Davis, Resident
Mr. Patrick Farrell, Executive Director, Office of Veterans Affairs
Ms. Ty-Shel Sasso Carr, Relative
Ms. Bernice Turnbull, Resident
Jelani Sasso, Relative
Kyza Callwood, Resident

Bill No. [36-0029](#) A Resolution honoring and commending Sonya Hough, the creator of the St. Croix “Crucian” Hook Bracelet and proprietor of one of the first hand-wrought jewelry stores in St. Croix.

Invited Testifier:

Pam Hough, Daughter of Sonya Hough

BLOCK II

Bill No. [36-0012](#) An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27 to streamline the GERS disability annuity approval procedures and for other related issues.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Angel E. Dawson, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System
Mr. Dwane Callwood, Board Chairman, Government Employees Retirement System

Bill No. [36-0066](#) An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 by adding a section 928a providing that all officials and employees of the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority and its wholly owned subsidiaries must be members of the Government Employees Retirement System of the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Angel E. Dawson, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System
Mr. Dwane Callwood, Board Chairman
Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Executive Director, Public Finance Authority and Commissioner, Department of Finance
Mr. Nathan Simmonds, Director of Finance and Administration Public Finance Authority
Mr. Stephan Adams, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and President, ViNGN

BLOCK III

Bill No. [36-0026](#) An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, by adding a subchapter VI to establish the “Virgin Islands Meteorological Office” within the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Daryl D. Jaschen, Director, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency

Ms. Sanaa A. Burke, Meteorology & Climate Science Major, University of Delaware

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 21, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
MAY 22, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS**

**Committee on Rules and Judiciary
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**FRIDAY,
MAY 23, 2025**

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

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations
and Finance
10:00 A.M.
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