



**36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**SENATE CALENDAR**  
**May 19, 2025 – May 30, 2025**

**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**  
**12:00 P.M.**  
**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **12:00 P.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

**BLOCK II**

**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

**BLOCK III**

**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

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**WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 21, 2025**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

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**THURSDAY,  
MAY 22, 2025**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

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**FRIDAY,  
MAY 23, 2025**

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

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

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The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on **Friday, May 23, 2025, 10:00 A.M.** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** on St. Thomas to receive testimony on the following bills:

**BLOCK I**

**Bill No. [36-0032](#)** An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, chapter 111, section 3080 by limiting the salary amount used to compute the service retirement annuity for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Kevin McCurdy**, Commissioner, VI Department of Finance  
**Mr. Angel E. Dawson, Jr.**, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System  
**Ms. Cindy L. Richardson**, Director, Division of Personnel

**Bill No. [36-0068](#)** An Act appropriating \$5,000,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Virgin Islands Police Department for the purchase and installation of rapid-shutter motion cameras throughout the territory

**Invited Testifier:**

**Honorable Mario M. Brooks**, Commissioner, VI Police Department

## **BLOCK II**

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will receive testimony on the following lease agreements:

**Bill No. [36-0062](#)** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for a portion of the telecommunications tower located on Parcel R-22 of Tract 1 Estate Nazareth, No. 1 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas

### **Invited Testifier:**

**Mr. Vincent Richards**, Assistant Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement

**Bill No. 36-0089** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and PEO Productions, LLC d/b/a WSTA Radio, for Parcel No. 121 Submarine Base, No. 6, Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Parcel No. 167 Subbase, No. 6, Southside Quarter, St. Thomas and Parcel No. 171 Subbase, No. 6, Southside Quarter, St. Thomas

### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Vincent Richards**, Assistant Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement

**Mr. Peter Ottley**, President, WSTA Radio

**MONDAY,  
MAY 26, 2025**

**Memorial Day**

**HOLIDAY**

**TUESDAY,  
MAY 27, 2025**

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

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

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Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**, in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**, on St. Thomas.

**BLOCK I**

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

- Bill No. [36-0050](#)** An Act repealing and reenacting with amendments title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 20, relating to the regulation of the profession of social work and social workers
- Bill No. [36-0051](#)** An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 20 by establishing the Virgin Islands Board of Social Work Licensure
- Bill No. [36-0043](#)** An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part VI, chapter 53, subchapter IV, section 1481 by increasing the penalties for violation of sanitation laws

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge**, Commissioner, Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

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

**Ms. Juliette Millin**, Chairperson, Virgin Islands Board of Social Work

**Ms. Yvonne Woods, PhD, MSW, CSW**, Program Director and Chairperson, Virgin Islands Board of Social Work  
University of the Virgin Islands

**Honorable Justa Encarnacion**, Commissioner, Department of Health

**Ms. Sophia Joseph Parrilla, PhD.**, Clinical Director, Island Therapy Solutions

**BLOCK II****1:40 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

The Department of Human Services will provide a detailed overview on the status of the territory's Head Start program. The presentation will highlight key aspects of early childhood education and support services, as well as examine the potential impact of proposed federal cuts on the program.

**Invited Testifier:**

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

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**WEDNESDAY,****MAY 28, 2025****PRESIDENT: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER****VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS****Older Americans' Mock Session****10:00 A.M.****Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall****THURSDAY,****MAY 29, 2025****CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES****VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER****Committee on Disaster Recovery,****Infrastructure and Planning****10:00 A.M.****Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

Please be advised that the Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure and Planning will be conducting a meeting on **Thursday, May 29, 2025**, at **10:00 a.m.**, in the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**, on St. Croix.

## **BLOCK I**

The Committee will receive testimony from the Office of Disaster Recovery on the status and effectiveness of ongoing disaster recovery efforts funded through FEMA in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, with a focus on the following key areas:

- A comprehensive status update on FEMA-funded disaster recovery projects
- The Envision Tomorrow Program
- An evaluation of the Super Property Management Office and whether it is achieving its intended purpose. An assessment of the effectiveness of bundling projects to expedite recovery efforts
- A discussion of the challenges faced in executing projects in the Virgin Islands, including workforce constraints, permitting delays, procurement issues, or federal coordination
- A reflection on the eight-year recovery timeline since Hurricanes Irma and Maria, highlighting both progress and remaining obstacles

### **Invited Testifier:**

**Adrienne L. Williams-Octalien**, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery

## **BLOCK II**

The Committee will receive testimony from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources on the implementation of the Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan, including a review of:

- Progress made to date
- Current or anticipated challenges
- The projected timeline for next steps in the implementation process

### **Invited Testifier:**

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

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**FRIDAY,  
MAY 30, 2025**

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