



## 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**REVISED II - SENATE CALENDAR**

May 20, 2024 – May 31, 2024

**MONDAY,  
MAY 20, 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.  
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 Monday, May 20, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas. The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

### **BLOCK I**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

**Bill No. [35-0236](#)** An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code adding a new chapter 33A to enact the “21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act (IDEA)” to improve governmental agency digital services, and for other purposes.

### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Rupert O. Ross**, Director, Virgin Islands Bureau of Information Technology

**Julien Henley**, ADA Coordinator, Government of the Virgin Islands

**Angus Drigo**, Executive Director, Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands

**Stephan Adams**, CEO/President, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network

### **BLOCK II**

**11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

**Bill No. [35-0230](#)** An Act repealing section 11 of Act No. 6570, as amended, and amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code related to the inspection and licensing of automobiles for hire.

**Invited Testifiers:****Barbara Jackson-McIntosh**, Director, Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles**Vernice M. Gumbs**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission**Willis Pinney**, President, AAA Taxi and Tours**Dihony LaLanne**, President, St. Thomas Taxi Services**Kerry Harrigan**, President, Best Taxi Services**Shawn Claxton**, President, St. John Taxi Services**Kelly George**, Owner, Kellie's Taxi Services**Lawrence Ramdhansingh**, President, Virgin Islands Taxi Association**Mervin Smith**, President, East End Taxicab Association**Francis Arthur**, President, St. Croix Taxicab Association**Elizabeth Hansen-Watley**, Interim Chair, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Board**LUNCH** **1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.****BLOCK III** **2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.****Bill No. [35-0193](#)** An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 relating to real estate brokers, sales associates, and property managers.**Invited Testifiers:****Laurent Alfred, Esq.**, Chair, Virgin Islands Real Estate Commission**Dan Savaro**, President, Virgin Islands Territorial Association of Realtors**Ava Gail Bourdon**, President-Principal Broker, RE/MAX St. Croix**Carl Gotts**, Vice-President, Vacation St. Croix**Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs**B.J. Harris**, Vice-Chair, V.I. Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Real Estate Commission**TUESDAY,  
MAY 21, 2024****CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY**  
**VICE CHAIR: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.****Committee on Budget,  
Appropriations and Finance****10:00 A.M.****Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

## **BLOCK I**

**Bill No. [35-0261](#)** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Dale Browne and Yvette Browne d/b/a Sejah Farm of the Virgin Islands for Plot No. 9-P Estate VICORP Lands, Prince Quarter, Prince Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands

### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Lisa Alejandro**, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement

**Mr. Dale Browne and Ms. Yvette Browne**, Owner, Sejah Farm of the Virgin Islands

**Bill No. [35-0255](#)** An Act approving the multi-year lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement and Rumina Construction, LLC, for Parcel No. 92A (Revised) Submarine Base, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to operate an equipment and material storage depot yard, construction company office, and other related purposes

### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Lisa Alejandro**, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement

**Mr. Franklyn Victor**, President, Rumina Construction, LLC

**Bill No. [35-0262](#)** An Act appropriating \$1,434,950 in Fiscal Year 2024 from the Community Facilities Trust Fund for the preconstruction soft cost funding to prepare the Charlotte Amalie harbor for dredging

### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Carlton Dowe**, Executive Director, V.I. Port Authority

**Mr. Kevin McCurdy**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority

## BLOCK II

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance will receive testimony from the Government's Financial Team on the financial overview of the Government of the Virgin Islands to include but not limited to:

- Fiscal Year 2024 budget appropriations vs revenue collections to date;
- total allotments to date;
- projected revenues through September 30, 2024 and proposed adjustments for FY 2024 due to revenue shortfall, if any;
- status of union negotiations; and
- status of outstanding payments due to vendors for FY 2023

### Invited Testifiers:

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

**Honorable Kevin McCurdy**, Commissioner, Department of Finance

**Mr. Joel Lee**, Director, V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue

**Mr. Ira R. Mills**, Tax Assessor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**Mr. Brent Leerdam**, Tax Collector, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**Ms. Cindy Richardson**, Director, Division of Personnel

**Ms. Joss Springette, Esq.**, Chief Negotiator, Office of Collective Bargaining

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**CANCELLED**

**WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 22, 2024**

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

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**Committee on Housing, Transportation  
and Telecommunications  
TOUR: Housing Communities  
St. Croix, Virgin Islands**

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**CANCELLED**

**THURSDAY,  
MAY 23, 2024**

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

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**Older Americans Month: Senior Mock Session  
10:00 A.M.  
Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall**

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**FRIDAY,  
MAY 24, 2024**

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

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**Committee on Rules and Judiciary  
12:00 P.M.  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

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The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for Friday, May 24, 2024, at 12:00 PM in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to consider the following nomination and bills:

**BLOCK I**

**Governor's Nomination:**

**Jamila L. Christopher**, Representative of Dept. of Tourism, Virgin Islands Cannabis Advisory Board

**BLOCK II**

**Bill No. [35-0121](#)** An Act amending Virgin Islands Code, title 4, chapter 29, section 482 and title 5, subtitle I, part V, chapter 61, section 660 increasing jury and witness fees and allowances, respectively.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Regina Petersen**, Administrator of Courts, Judiciary of the Virgin Islands

**Attorney Marjorie Whalen**, President, Virgin Islands Bar Association

**Attorney Julie Todman**, Chief Public Defender, Office of the Territorial Public Defender

**Attorney Ian Clement**, Acting Atty. General, Office of the Attorney General

**Attorney Russell Pate**, The Pate Law Firm

**BLOCK III**

**Bill No. [35-0174](#)** An Act repealing and reenacting title 15, Virgin Islands Code, article V parts 1, 2, 3, 4, enacting part 5 and renumbering part 4A as part 6, to repeal the Uniform Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act and enact the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act with amendments and for other related purposes

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Regina Petersen**, Administrator of Courts, Judiciary of the Virgin Islands

**Attorney Marjorie Whalen**, President, Virgin Islands Bar Association

**Attorney Julie Todman**, Chief Public Defender, Office of the Territorial Public Defender

**Troy Schuster**, VI State Director, American Association of Retired Persons

**Attorney Tom Bolt**, Uniform Law Commissioner

**Attorney Ben Orzeske**, Chief Counsel of the Uniform Law Commission

**Averil George**, Commissioner Designee, VI Department of Human Services

**BLOCK IV**

**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 the waterfront park west of the Marley Homes "The Vaughn 'Akae Beka' Memorial Park".

**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.

**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.

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**MONDAY,  
MAY 27, 2024**

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**Memorial Day**

**HOLIDAY**

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**TUESDAY,  
MAY 28, 2024**

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**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT**

**Reserved**

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**WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 29, 2024**

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**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT**

**Reserved**

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**THURSDAY,  
MAY 30, 2024**

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**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT**

**Reserved**

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**FRIDAY,  
MAY 31, 2024**

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**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT**

**Reserved**

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