



**35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**SENATE CALENDAR**  
**November 13, 2023 – November 24, 2023**

**MONDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT**

**Reserved**

**TUESDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

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

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

**REGULAR SESSION - OFFICIAL AGENDA**

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| <b>Time:</b>          | 10:00 A.M.   |
| <b>Call to Order:</b> | Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.<br>Senate President  |
| <b>Invocation:</b>    | Reverend Charles L. Brown, Jr.<br>Chaplain, 35 <sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands |
| <b>Anthems:</b>       | National Anthem and Virgin Islands March   |
| <b>Roll Call:</b>     | Honorable Carla J. Joseph<br>Legislative Secretary   |

**Messages and/or Correspondences**

**Committee Reports:** Chairperson of Standing Committees

**Special Orders/Overrides:**

**CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:**

**CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS**

**Sandra L. Setorie**

Executive Director, VI Public Services Commission

**Clement “Cain” Magras**

VI Public Services Commission, District of St. Thomas

**Laura Nichols-Samms**

(Unfavorable recommendation)

VI Public Services Commission, District of St. John

**Kasima I. Knight-Hodge**

VI Real Estate Commission, District of St. Thomas

**CONSIDERATION OF LEASES**

- Bill No. [35-0067](#)** 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 Inter Island Auto Group, LLC d/b/a VIP Quick Lube for Improved Parcel No. 70 Submarine Base, No. 6A Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to be used as a new and used car dealership, repair shop, importer of goods, retail shops, store, and for other related purposes
- Bill No. [35-0104](#)** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Roncan, Inc. d/b/a Sand Castle on the Beach to lease Plot No. 128-B Two Brothers, Smithfield, and Hesselberg, West End Quarter and Plot No. 129 Two Brothers, Smithfield, and Hesselberg, West End Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands

## CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

**Bill No. [35-0014](#)** An Act posthumously honoring and commending Wayne “Facts Man” Adams for articulating and bringing events of historic significance to the people of the Virgin Islands, by naming the bridge at the Nadir intersection on the island of St. Thomas the “Wayne ‘Facts Man’ Adams Bridge”

**Bill No. [35-0074](#)** An Act honoring and commending former Senator Almando “Rocky” Liburd for his lifetime of service to the people of the Virgin Islands especially St. John, and renaming the North Shore Road on St. John “The Almando “Rocky” Liburd Drive”

**WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

### **CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

**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**

### **BLOCK I**

The Committee will receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Department of Labor, Virgin Islands State Workforce Development Board, Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board, Career Technical and Adult Education, UVI Cell, UVI RT Park Vista+, and My Brother’s Workshop regarding their organization’s role in the workforce development system in the Virgin Islands, specifically addressing workforce development programs and the services provided to help people find, prepare for, and maintain employment.

**Invited Testifiers:****Honorable Gary Molloy**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Labor**Michael Carty, Chairman**, Virgin Islands State Workforce Development Board**Joane Murphy**, Chairwoman, Virgin Islands Career & Technical Education Board**Dr. Monique Faulkner**, State Director, Career Technical and Adult Education**Dr. Suzanne Darrow-Magras**, Director, UVI Cell**Shanya Hanley**, Program Coordinator Vista+, UVI RT Park**Jenny Hawkes**, Executive Director, My Brother's Workshop**BLOCK II**

The Committee will receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Department of Education and the Board of Education regarding the following:

1. Status of school facilities; specifically repairs to St. Croix schools.
2. Status of the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance.
3. School schedules – abbreviated and hybrid.
4. Matters of concern to the Board of Education regarding the recent teacher and student protests.
5. Any other matters that the Board of Education would like to address

**Invited Testifiers:****Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education**Dr. Kyza Callwood**, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education**St. Croix Central High School Student Council and other invited students****St. Croix Educational Complex High School Student Council and other invited students****BLOCK III**

The Committee will receive testimony from United Steelworkers (USW) on the ongoing issues that they are experiencing with the Government of the Virgin Islands, specifically the Office of Collective Bargaining and the Commissioners of the various government agencies.

**Invited Testifier:****Daniel Flippo**, District 9 Director, United Steelworkers

**FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN**

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**Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging,  
Sports, and Parks  
10:00 A.M.  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

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**TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.**

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

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The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 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.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0084 – An Act amending title 11, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, section 1213 to allow businesses operating under a trade name to have the option of renewing the trade name every 2, 6, or 10 years intervals. This bill is sponsored by Senator Alma Francis Heyliger

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Monica Williams Carbon, Esq.**, Chief of Staff, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**Mr. John Woods**, President, St.Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce

**Ms. Denise Johannes**, Director, Corporations and Trademarks, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**BLOCK II****11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning

**Bill No. [35-0109](#)**

Act honoring and commending the late Corporal Kendall Emanuel George posthumously for his service as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and for making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve democracy and to keep America and his Virgin Islands homeland safe; naming Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay, St. John "Kendall Emanuel George Drive" South and appropriating \$10,000 to the Department of Public Works for signage at Kendall Emanuel George Drive; and for other related purposes.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Patrick Farrell**, Director, Virgin Islands Veterans Affairs

**Mr. Harry Daniel**, Commander American Legion Post 131

**Honorable Derek Gabriel**, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

**Mr. Henry A. Powell**, Sibling

**Ms. Geneva Paris**, Sibling

**LUNCH****1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.****BLOCK III****2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning

**Bill No. [35-0186](#)**

An Act repealing and reenacting title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 274 "Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission," and enacting in its place "The Division of Transportation and Taxicab Services"; amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 37, subchapters I & II relative to the regulation of automobiles for hire and automobile for hire medallion; amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 39 section 433(b) directing the Commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs to review fees, charges, and tariffs every three years; amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3067 to substitute the name, "The Division of Transportation and Taxicab Services"; and providing for the transition of the employees, equipment, and supplies to the newly created entity, and for other related purposes

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

**Mr. Kevin McCurdy**, Commissioner Nominee, Department of Finance

**Ms. Vernice Gumbs**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

**Ms. Loretta Lloyd**, Chairwoman, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Board

**Mr. Mervin Smith**, President, East End Taxicab Association

**Mr. Francis Arthur**, President, St. Croix Taxicab Association

**Mr. Kelly George**, Owner, Kellie's Taxi Services

**Ms. Annie Fortuna**, Owner, Annie's Taxi Services

**Mr. Shawn Claxton**, President, St. John Taxi Services

**Mr. Willis Pinney**, President, AAA Taxi and Tours

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**WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 2023**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

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**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 23, 2023**

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

**Holiday**

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**FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 24, 2023**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

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