



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
November 20, 2023 – December 01, 2023

MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 20, 2023

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

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

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks has set a hearing for Monday, November 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix. The committee will hear testimonies and updates on three vital areas during this hearing. The first part of the hearing will focus on YOUTH with the Children's Museums, discussing their operations, achievements, and challenges while highlighting their role in community engagement and cultural enrichment. In the second part, attention will shift to AGING and Disability Compliance and Rights, where experts will provide important data and insights into the current state of disability rights and accessibility in the Virgin Islands

BLOCK I

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Examining the operations, accomplishments, challenges, and social significance of Children's Museums in the Virgin Islands. This hearing will delve into management and social impacts, address the hurdles they face, and underscore their importance in fostering community engagement and Cultural enrichment within the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Chantel Hoheb, Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Children's Museum

Ellie Hirsh, President of the Children's Museum of St. Croix

LUNCH

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

BLOCK II**1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

Evaluating the current state of Disability Compliance and the Rights of individuals with disabilities in the Virgin Islands. Expert testimonies will provide vital statistics, highlight operational efforts, celebrate achievements, and identify challenges, offering a comprehensive view of the status and issues surrounding disability rights and accessibility in the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:**Julien Henley**, ADA Coordinator of the Virgin Islands**Angus Brigo**, Executive Director, Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands**Monique Bute**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Association for Independent Living, Inc

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

**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 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.

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

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 23, 2023**

THANKSGIVING DAY

Holiday

**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 24, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 01, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved
