



**35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**REVISED SENATE CALENDAR**  
**October 09, 2023 – October 20, 2023**

**MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 09, 2023**

**VIRGIN ISLANDS/PUERTO RICO FRIENDSHIP DAY**

**Holiday**

**TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS**  
**VICE CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA**

**Committee on Homeland Security,  
Justice, & Public Safety**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

Please be advised that the 35th Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2023, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas. The Committee is expected to receive testimony on a number of bills that fall under the committee jurisdiction that have been assigned to the committee for consideration. This is an in-person hearing.

**BLOCK I**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Bill No. [35-0086](#)** An Act amending title 3, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 10h to require background checks for all IT personnel and employees of the Bureau of Information Technology, agencies that have data centers, and any employee who handles classified information.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Rupert Ross**, Director, Bureau of Information Technology  
**Honorable Ray Martinez**, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department  
**Mr. Daryl Jaschen**, Director, VITEMA  
**Mr. Carlton Dowe**, Executive Director, V.I. Port Authority  
**Mr. Andrew Smith**, CEO, V.I. Water and Power Authority  
**Ms. Regina deChabert-Petersen**, Administrator, V.I. Judiciary  
**Mrs. Kurell Sheridan**, Executive Director, V.I. Legislature

**BLOCK II**

**1:00 P.M.**

**Bill No. [35-0127](#)** An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 89 relating to the invasion of privacy of accident and crime victims by first responders.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Ray Martinez**, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department  
**Mrs. Ariel K. Smith, Esq.**, Attorney General, V.I. Department of Justice  
**Mr. Daryl George**, Director, Fire and Emergency Medical Services  
**Mr. Liston Thomas**, President, St. Thomas Rescue

**Bill No. [35-0131](#)** Act amending title 3 V.I.C., Ch. 15 to establish a "Real Crime Center", Centralized Crime Data System, within the Virgin Islands Police Department

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Ray Martinez**, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department  
**Mr. Daryl Jaschen**, Director, VITEMA  
**Mr. Rupert Ross**, Director, Bureau of Information Technology

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**WEDNESDAY,  
 OCTOBER 11, 2023**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

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**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 12, 2023**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**Reserved**

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**FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 13, 2023**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**Reserved**

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**MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITENS**

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**Committee on Health, Hospitals,  
and Human Services**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Earle B. Ottery Legislative Hall**

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Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting an emergency hearing on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottery Legislative Hall on St. Thomas. During this hearing, the representatives from the Department of Health, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, Department of Planning & Natural Resources, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency, and the Virgin Islands Fire & Emergency Medical Services will provide testimony on all past, current, and future mitigation efforts, health effects, and potential risks to our community as it relates to the fire on the Bovoni landfill, on St. Thomas.

**BLOCK I****9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony on all past, current, and future mitigation efforts, health effects, and potential risks to the community as it relates to the fire on the Bovoni landfill, on St. Thomas.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion**, Commissioner, Department of Health  
**Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol**, Commissioner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources  
**Mr. Daryl D. Jaschen**, Director, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency  
**Mr. Roger E. Merritt Jr.**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority  
**Mr. Daryl A. George Sr.**, Director, Virgin Islands Fire & Emergency Medical Services  
**Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington**, Commissioner, Department of Education  
**Jimez Ashby**, President, A9 Trucking Enterprises & Equipment Rental

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**TUESDAY,  
 OCTOBER 17, 2023**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY**  
**VICE CHAIR: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.**

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**Committee on Budget, Appropriations,  
 and Finance**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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The 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

**BLOCK I**

**Bill No. [35-0099](#)** An Act amending title 28, chapter 23, of the Virgin Islands Code relating to the foreclosure of Liens Upon Real Property

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Dwyer Arce, Esq.**, President, V.I. Bar Association  
**Mrs. Monica Williams-Carbon, Esq.**, Chief of Staff, Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
**Mr. Martin Lauzze**, President, V.I. Territorial Association of Realtors

**BLOCK II**

**Bill No. [35-0097](#)** An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 1, part 1, chapter 3 by adding section 43m to establish the “Virgin Islands Beautification Tax Credit”

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Joel Lee, CPA CGMA CFE**, Director, V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue  
**Honorable Derek Gabriel**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Public Works  
**Mr. Jose “Tony” Rosario**, St. Thomas Business Owner  
**Ms. Jody Olsen**, Sunny Days Property Management  
**Mr. Alex Golubitsky**, Attorney

**BLOCK III**

**Bill No. [35-0118](#)** An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section 54(b)(3)(D)(iii) allocating \$2,500,000 of the Timeshare Environmental/Infrastructure Impact Fee to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority for beautification and cleanup of the Territory

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Roger F. Merritt, Jr.**, Executive Director, V.I. Waste Management Authority  
**Ms. Jenifer O’Neal**, Director, V.I. Office of Management & Budget  
**Honorable Derek Gabriel**, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Public Works  
**Mr. Joel Lee**, Director, V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue

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**WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 18, 2023**

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**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT**

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**Reserved**

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**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 19, 2023**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY**

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**Committee on Education  
and Workforce Development**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

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#### **BLOCK I**

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

1. Status of school facilities; specifically, plans , timelines, and contracts entered into for renovation, rehabilitation, and repairs to schools for occupancy by students and teachers this school year.
2. Status of the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance.
3. A detailed breakdown of federal grants and utilization of funds for their respective purposes or programs they support.

#### **Invited Testifier:**

**Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

#### **BLOCK II**

The Committee will hear testimony from students on their high school experience, including but not limited to concerns, issues, and challenges they face in attending public high school.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department 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

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**POSTPONED**

**FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 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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