



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
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

**WEDNESDAY,
 OCTOBER 11, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 12, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

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

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

9:00 A.M.

Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall

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. Otley 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

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

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

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

9:30 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The 35th 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.1. 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

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 18, 2023**

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 19, 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 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

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 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**
