



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
October 23, 2023 – November 03, 2023

MONDAY,
OCTOBER 23, 2023

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Reserved

TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 24, 2023

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

Committee on Housing,
Transportation, and Telecommunications
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, October 24, 2023** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** in St. Thomas.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Update and discussion regarding the VI Slice Program as we continue the examination of affordable housing and homeownership issues considering recently announced eligibility requirements. Lending institutions to provide an update, as well as their viewpoint, to the Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications on all issues related to rules, regulations and operations of the V.I. Slice program and homeownership financing.

Invited Testifiers:

- Mr. Wayne L. Biggs**, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority
- Ms. Kimme Bryce**, Area Director, USDA Rural Development
- Mr. Valdamier Collens**, President, Merchants Commercial Bank
- Mr. Michael Armendariz**, Representative, Capital Mortgage Services
- Ms. Dina Perry-Malone**, Vice-President & USVI Marketing Manager, First Bank Virgin Islands
- Mr. Lee Smith**, Senior Executive Vice President & President of Mortgage, New York Community Bank

LUNCH BREAK

12:30 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

BLOCK II

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Update and discussion on the status of all affordable housing initiatives, including implementation of the 2023-2024 Affordable Housing Plan; and the status of the First-Time Homebuyer Program & the EnVision Tomorrow program.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Dayna Clendinen, Interim Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

Ms. Adrienne L. Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 25, 2023**

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

**Committee on Government Operations,
Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection**

9:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** in St. Thomas. The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I**9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**

Bill No. [35-0091](#) A Resolution honoring and commending Aliyah Boston for her many accomplishments in girl's and women's basketball, her contribution as an ambassador for the Territory, and her contribution to women's sports worldwide, and awarding her the Key to the Territory.

Invited Testifiers:**Mr. Algernon Boston**, Father**Mrs. Cleone Boston**, Mother**Mr. Timothy Duncan**, Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer**Honorable Calvert White**, Commissioner, Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation**Honorable Joseph Boschulte**, Commissioner, Department of Tourism**Ms. Dawn Staley**, Head Coach, USC Bulldogs Women's Basketball**Ms. Christie Sides**, Head Coach, Indiana Fever**Ms. Sherry Levin**, Former Women's Basketball Coach, Worcester Academy**Mr. Russel Brewley**, Former Coach**Mr. Walter Welsh**, Former Coach**Mr. Rashidi Clenace**, V.I. Basketball Supporter**BLOCK II****11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. [35-0027](#) An Act honoring and commending Mr. Myron Corbett posthumously for his many contributions to the youth of the Territory; renaming the basketball court located in Anna's Retreat, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands as "The Myron Corbett Basketball Court"; making an appropriation to erect signage at the basketball court; and for other related purposes.

Invited Testifiers:**Ms. Shayla Solomon**, Resident**Mr. Kaylen Gregory**, Resident**Mr. Omari Peterkin**, Resident**Mr. Allison Petrus**, Resident**LUNCH****12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

BLOCK III**1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. [35-0123](#) An Act to commission and direct the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts to construct and erect a bronze bust of Dr. Alfred O. Heath to be placed next to those of Edith L. Williams, J. Antonio Jarvis, and Rothschild Francis in Education Park on the island of St. Thomas, and for other purposes.

Invited Testifiers:

Dr. Cora Christian, MPH, Resident

Dr. David Hall, SJD, President, University of the Virgin Islands

The Right Reverend Bishop Jerome Feudjio, Resident

Dr. Sidney Comissiong, Resident

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 26, 2023**

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

Committee on Rules and Judiciary**9:30 A.M.****Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The **Committee on Rules and Judiciary** has scheduled a meeting for **Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 9:30 AM** in the **Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands** to consider **Nominations and receive updates**.

BLOCK I**9:30 A.M. – 11:00 P.M.****Governor's Nomination of Clement "Cain" Magras**

Board Member Nominee, Virgin Islands Public Service Commission

BLOCK II**11:30 P.M. - 12:30 P.M.****Governor's Nomination of Kasima I. Knight-Hodge**

Board Member Nominee, Virgin Islands Real Estate Commission

LUNCH **12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

BLOCK III **1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

The Committee will receive an update from the Judicial of the Virgin Islands to discuss the needs of the Judicial branch, new plans, and concerns, among other topics.

Invited Testifiers:

Regina Petersen, Administrator, Judiciary of the Virgin Islands

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 27, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 30, 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. Otley Legislative Hall

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 31, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 01, 2023**

David Hamilton Jackson/Liberty Day

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**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 02, 2023**

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

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

9:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting an emergency hearing in the Earle B. Ottley 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. - 12:00 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 Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources

Mr. Daryl A. George Sr., Director, Virgin Islands Fire & Emergency Medical Services

Mr. Roger E. Merritt Jr., Executive Director, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority

Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion, Commissioner, Department of Health

Mr. Daryl D. Jaschen, Director, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency

Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedington, Commissioner, Department of Education

LUNCH **12:05 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.**

BLOCK II **12:46 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive an update from the Department of Human Services and all related programs or divisions under their purview to include but not limited to, Children & Families Services, Residential & Interstate Compact Affairs, Intake & Emergency Services, Intervention & Prevention Services, Senior Citizen Affairs, Child Care & Regulatory Services, Disabilities and Rehabilitation Services, Family Assistance, Head Start, Medicaid, and Facilities Renovations & Operations.

Invited Testifiers:

Averil E. George, Commissioner Nominee, Department of Human Services

**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 03, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

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