

35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands SENATE CALENDAR October 30, 2023 – November 10, 2023

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

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

Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance 10:00 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Monday, October 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

### **BLOCK I**

Bill No. <u>35-0099</u> 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. 35-0097An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 1, part 1, chapter 3 by adding<br/>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.** <u>35-0118</u> 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 clean up 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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

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

Reserved

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2023

David Hamilton Jackson/Liberty Day

HOLIDAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2023

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

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 hearing in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas. During this hearing, relative departments and agencies will give testimony on all mitigation efforts, health effects, and potential risks to our community from the recent fire at the Bovoni landfill. The Committee will also receive an update from the Department of Human Services on the status of their operation and all related programs/divisions under their purview.

#### **BLOCK I**

#### 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on all air pollution testing, past, current, and future mitigation efforts, health effects, and potential risks to the community from the recent fire at the Bovoni landfill.

#### **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-Hedrington, Ed.D, 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 Testifier:

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2023

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

Reserved

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 2023

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

Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure and Planning 9:00 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, November** 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas to consider the following:

The committee will meet to receive an update on and discuss the current status of the Virgin Islands' disaster recovery efforts, specifically those relating to the Virgin Islands Department of Education and the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority. Topics to be discussed include but are not limited to: planned, in-process, and completed projects; the status of all federal and local funding identified for the agencies' projects, as well as any impediments with respect to the agencies' role in the territory's disaster recovery efforts.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, VI Department of Education Ms. Dayna Clendinen, Interim CEO, VI Housing Finance Authority Mrs. Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, VI Office of Disaster Recovery

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2023

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

Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance 9:00 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2023

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

Reserved

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2023

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

Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety 10:00 A.M. Cleone H. Creque Legislative Conference Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023

### CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved