



**35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**SENATE CALENDAR**  
**September 02, 2024 – September 13, 2024**

**MONDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 02, 2024**

**Labor Day**

**Holiday**

**TUESDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 03, 2024**

**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 Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance will meet on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall to receive close out testimony from the Governor's Financial Team on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Kimika Woods**, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget  
**Mr. Joel Lee**, Director, V.I. Bureau of Internal Revenue  
**Mr. Brent Leerdam**, Tax Collector, Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
**Ms. Joss Springette, Esq.**, Chief Negotiator, Office of Collective Bargaining  
**Honorable Kevin McCurdy**, Commissioner, Department of Finance  
**Mr. Ira R. Mills**, Tax Assessor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
**Ms. Cindy Richardson**, Director, Division of Personnel

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 04, 2024**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**Reserved**

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**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 05, 2024**

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

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**Committee on Disaster Recovery,  
Infrastructure and Planning  
10:00 A.M.  
Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall**

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The Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 10:00am in the Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall, on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

The committee will receive an update on the following:

- The condition of WAPA's infrastructure, identifying areas in need of repair or replacement
- The status of ongoing power outages - short and long term strategies for their curtailment.
- Long-term infrastructure improvement plans.
- The state of the Wartsila restart project
- The status of all critical vendor payments
- The status of fuel; both Diesel and LPG
- The status of the Turnaround Company initiative awarded to Ernst & Young

Additional topics will include the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority's planned, in process, and completed projects; the status of all federal and local funding identified for your agency's projects, as well as any impediments with respect to the authority's role in the territory's disaster recovery efforts.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Hubert Turnbull**, Chairman, Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority Board of Directors

**Mr. Karl Knight**, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority

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**FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 06, 2024**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

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**MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 09, 2024**

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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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**TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

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

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

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Please be advised that the 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for **10:00 am, Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.**

**The agenda is as follows:**

**BLOCK I**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Bill No. [35-0031](#)** An Act amending title 5, V.I.C., subtitle 3, part I, by adding a new chapter 301A, creating the Child Victims' and Child Witnesses' Rights Act and repealing chapter 301, subchapter IV, section 3510.

**Department of Justice Operational Status Update:** This update intends to provide a comprehensive overview of the current operational status of the Department of Justice. Key highlights will include but not be limited to an update on caseloads, encompassing criminal, civil matters and white-collar crimes and on the construction of the new morgue on St. Croix.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Averil George**, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

**Gordon Rhea, Esq.**, Attorney General Nominee, Department of Justice

**Dr. Clema Lewis**, Director, Women's Coalition of St. Croix

**Darian Torrice-Hairston**, Director, Nana Baby Children's Home

**BLOCK II**

**1:30 P.M.**

**Department of Public Works, Office of Highway Safety, and Traffic Investigation Bureau Operational Status Update:** This update intends to provide an overview of the current operational status of the Department of Public Works and the VIPD's Office of Highway Safety and Traffic Investigation Bureau. The update will include, but not be limited to any ongoing projects, key initiatives aimed at enhancing roadway safety and infrastructure. Additionally, information on progress made in traffic investigations and plans for future improvements will be discussed.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Derek Gabriel**, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

**Mario Brooks**, Acting Commissioner, VI Police Department

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.**

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**Committee on Economic Development  
and Agriculture  
10:00 A.M.  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

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**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

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

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**Committee on Rules and Judiciary  
9:30 AM  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

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**FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**Reserved**

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