



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
September 04, 2023 – September 15, 2023

MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 04, 2023

Labor Day

Holiday

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 05, 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

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance will meet on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chamber to receive close out testimony from the Governor's Financial Team on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Invited Testifiers:

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

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 06, 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

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations, and Finance has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas, to receive testimony on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States

AGENDA:

BLOCK I – Appropriation Transfers

Appropriation Transfer No. 001-2023	V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Appropriation Transfer No. 003-2023	V.I. Department of Human Services
Appropriation Transfer No. 004-2023	V.I. Department of Health
Appropriation Transfer No. 005-2023	V.I. Office of Management and Budget
Appropriation Transfer No. 007-2023	V.I. Department of Public Works
Appropriation Transfer No. 008-2023	V.I. Department of Labor
Appropriation Transfer No. 009-2023	V.I. Department of Property and Procurement
Appropriation Transfer No. 010-2023	V.I. Department of Education
Appropriation Transfer No. 011-2023	V.I. Department of Justice

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Jenifer O’Neal, Director, V.I. Office of Management and Budget

Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Honorable Kimberly Causey-Gomez, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Human Services

Honorable Justa “Tita” Encarnacion, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Health

Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Public Works

Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Labor

Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Property and Procurement

Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Education

Ms. Ariel Smith, Esq., Attorney General, V.I. Department of Justice

BLOCK II – Leases

Bill No. [35-0067](#) An Act approving and the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Inter Island Auto Group, LLC d/b/a VIP Quick Lube for Improved Parcel No. 70 Submarine Base, No. 6A Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to be used as a new and used car dealership, repair shop, importer of goods, retail shops, store, and for other related purposes

Bill No. [35-0095](#) An Act approving the Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Dave Jeffers d/b/a Dave Trucking Service for Parcel No. 142-B Estate Anna's Retreat, No. 1 New Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, consisting of approximately 6, 627.393 U.S. sq. ft. or 0.144 U.S. acre zoned "P" as shown on O.L.G. File No. D9-8646-T012 to be used for the purpose of operating the general offices of the trucking company and for other related purposes

Bill No. [35-0104](#) An Act approving the Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Roncan, Inc. d/b/a Sand Castle on the Beach to lease Plot No. 128-B Two Brothers, Smithfield, and Hesselberg, West End Quarter and Plot No. 129 Two Brothers, Smithfield, and Hesselberg, West End Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Property and Procurement

Mr. Pablo H. Padro, Owner, Interisland Auto Group

Mr. Dave Jeffers, Owner, Dave's Trucking

Mr. Chris Richardson, Stockholder, Roncan, Inc.

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 07, 2023**

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

**Committee on Disaster Recovery,
Infrastructure and Planning
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning has scheduled a meeting for Thursday September 7, 2023 at **9:30 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas** to consider the following:

BLOCK I

9:30 A.M.

The committee will receive an update from, and discuss, the **Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority (VIWMA)**'s planned, in-process, and completed projects; the status of all federal and local funding identified for VIWMA's projects, as well as challenges the authority has encountered with respect to its' role in the territory's disaster recovery efforts.

Invited Testifier:

Mr. Roger Merritt, Executive Director, VI Waste Management Authority

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BLOCK II

1:00 P.M.

The committee will receive an update from, and discuss, the **Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA)**'s planned, in-process, and completed projects; the status of all federal and local funding identified for WAPA's projects, as well as challenges the authority has encountered with respect to its' role in the territory's disaster recovery efforts.

Invited Testifier:

Mr. Andrew Smith, Executive Director, VI Water and Power Authority

FRIDAY,

SEPTEMBER 08, 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

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Friday, September 08, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

BUDGET MARKUP

MONDAY,

SEPTEMBER 11, 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

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Monday, September 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

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

**Committee on Homeland
Security, Justice, and Public Safety**
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

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, September 12, 2023 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix. The Committee is expected to receive testimony from the Bureau of Corrections (BOC) and updates from the Virgin Islands Territorial Management Agency (VITEMA) and supporting agencies, relative to preparation for the current hurricane season. This is an in-person hearing.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M.

Bill No. [35-0045](#) An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 407 relating to eligibility for parole by adding section 4601a to establish Medical Parole as a basis for parole; further amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 407 by adding section 4601b to establish Geriatric Parole as a basis for parole and for other related purposes.

Invited Testifier:

Ms. Wynn Timermark, Director, V.I. Bureau of Corrections

Mr. Dennis Howell, Chairman, V.I. Parole Board

BOC officials are also expected to give testimony pursuant to a subpoena dated August 4, 2023. Testimony should include matters related to inmates remanded to the care, custody and control of the Bureau who are housed at off-island facilities. Specifically, about the Bureau's director or staff's visits to the facility and inmates, availability of academic and vocational programs and other related topics.

BLOCK II

1:00 P.M.

The Committee is expected to receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency and supporting agencies relative to the state of readiness as we enter the peak of the 2023 Hurricane Season. Topics of discussions will include infrastructure, shelters, emergency housing, public safety and more.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department

Honorable Daryl Jaschen, Director, VITEMA

MG Kodjo S. Knox-Limbacker, Adjutant General, V.I. National Guard

Honorable Kimberly Causey-Gomez, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

Honorable Daryl A. George, Director, V.I. Fire/EMS

Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

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

**Committee on Economic
Development and Agriculture
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture has scheduled a meeting for **Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall** on the island of St. Thomas. The Committee will receive a status update from the Office of Cannabis Regulations (OCR), and the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture.

BLOCK I**10:00 A.M.**

The Committee will receive an update on the overall status of the USVI Office of Cannabis Regulations (OCR).

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Nathalie Hodge, Commissioner Nominee, Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

Ms. Hannah Carty, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Cannabis Advisory Board

Dr. Catherine Kean, Chairwoman of the Cannabis Advisory Board, Virgin Islands Cannabis Advisory Board

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The Committee will receive an update on the overall status of the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture.

Invited Testifier:

Dr. Louis Petersen, Commissioner Nominee, Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

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

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

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

**PRESIDENT: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.
VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN**

Regular Session

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
