



36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
September 08, 2025 – September 19, 2025

MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 08, 2025

CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS

Committee on Rules and Judiciary
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a hearing for **10:00 A.M. on Monday, September 08, 2025, in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I **10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

Mr. Roy Moorehead, Governor's Nominee, Board of Parole

Mr. Damian M. Cartwright, Governor's Nominee, Virgin Islands Board of Land Use Appeals

BLOCK II **11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

Mr. Xavier A. Acevedo, Governor's Nominee, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Governing Board

Dr. Safiya George, Governor's Nominee, Virgin Islands Government Hospitals and Health
Facilities Corporation Board of Directors

LUNCH **1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

BLOCK III **2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

Bill No. [36-0101](#) An act to provide for continuity of operations in the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands in the event of prolonged judicial vacancies.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Regina deChabert Petersen, Administrator of the Courts, Judicial Branch of the Virgin Islands

Mr. J. Russel B. Pate, Esq., President, Virgin Islands Bar Association

Honorable Gordon C. Rhea, Esq., Attorney General, Department of Justice

Ms. Julie S. Todman, Esq., Chief Territorial Public Defender, V.I. Office of the Territorial Public Defender

BLOCK IV**3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

Bill No. [36-0112](#) An act amending title 4 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 31, section 516 increasing the filing fee for general civil complaints in the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands and title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 41, section 426 allowing for the collection of nine percent prejudgment interest when an offer of judgment is filed with the court.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Regina deChabert Petersen, Administrator of the Courts, Judicial Branch of the Virgin Islands

Mr. J. Russel B. Pate, Esq., President, Virgin Islands Bar Association

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 09, 2025

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**Reserved**

WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR CLIFFORD A. JOSEPH, SR.

**Committee on Housing, Transportation
and Telecommunications**

10:00 A.M.**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications has scheduled a meeting for **Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.**

VIHA Operations, Challenges, and Opportunities

The Committee will receive testimony on the Virgin Islands Housing Authority's operations, challenges, and opportunities. Areas of focus include agency updates on operations and maintenance issues, the Housing Choice Voucher Program, and progress in community rehabilitation. Testimony will also address the Williams Delight sale and related funding assistance, as well as the impact of federal-level policy changes on VIHA's funding and overall operations.

Invited Testifier:

Dwayne Alexander, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority

BLOCK II

12:30 P.M.

Homeownership and Housing Development Programs

The Committee will also hear testimony on the status of homeownership and housing development programs. This includes updates on funding and progress of current initiatives, the availability and utilization of funds for affordable housing, and the effects of federal policy changes on funding streams, operations, and programs.

Invited Testifiers:

Eugene Jones, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Executive Director, Office of Disaster Recovery

Wayne L. Biggs, Chief Executive Officer, VI Economic Development Authority

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS**

Committee on Rules and Judiciary

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER**

**Committee on Disaster Recovery,
Infrastructure and Planning
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications has scheduled a meeting for **Friday, September 12, 2025, in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room.**

Bill No. [36-0070](#) An Act amending title 28 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 19 by adding section 423 relating to failure to use property acquired through the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

Bill No. [36-0110](#) An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part I, chapter 1 to require a permit from the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works before the excavation of any public roadway.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

Julio Rhymer, Sr., Director, Office of Management and Budget

Chris George, Administrator, GIS Division, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

BLOCK II

The Committee will receive testimony from the Office of Disaster Recovery regarding key disaster recovery efforts currently underway across the Territory. The discussion will focus on contractor performance, newly awarded projects, and the implementation and oversight of major recovery programs, with special attention to public concerns, transparency, and accountability.

1. Contractor Performance Review (Territory)

- Receive updates on the performance of contractors engaged in disaster recovery projects and whether construction projects are progressing on schedule and within budget.
- Discuss project oversight mechanisms, and local workforce participation.

2. Testimony on \$961M in New Disaster Recovery Awards (St. Croix)

- Receive testimony regarding the recent announcement of over \$961 million in disaster recovery project awards.
- Discuss major initiatives including:
- Rebuild USVI Education Bundle
- North Central St. Croix Horizontal Infrastructure Bundle
- Selection process, contractor qualifications, and design-build approaches.

3. Oversight of the EnVision Tomorrow Program

- Receive updates on progress of homes and address public concerns and media reports highlighting substandard or unsafe repairs under the EnVision Tomorrow Program.
- Review issues raised by program participants and current oversight mechanisms for contractors.
- Discuss actions to improve accountability, protect homeowners, and restore public trust.

Invited Testifier:

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

MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

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

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

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

**PRESIDENT: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER
VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS**

**Committee of the Whole/Regular Session
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH**

**Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging,
Sports and Parks
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks will convene a legislative hearing to examine the operational oversight, progress, and challenges of recreational facilities and capital improvement projects of the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation across the Virgin Islands. The hearing will also include a legislative review of Bill No. 36-0099 addressing elder abuse response systems and a special policy discussion regarding CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) certification for the Virgin Islands' aging and senior care facilities

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation – Territorial Operations Review

Invited Testifier:

Vincent Roberts, Commissioner Designee, Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation

LUNCH

12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

BLOCK II

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Bill No. [36-0099](#) An act amending title 34 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 expanding the Elder and Dependent

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Averil George, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

Gordon Rhea, Esq., Attorney General of the Virgin Islands, Department of Justice

Troy deChabert-Schuster, State Director, AARP Virgin Islands

Angus Drigo, Executive Director, Disability Rights Center Virgin Islands

BLOCK III**2:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.****Policy Discussion – CMS Certification for Senior Living Facilities**

The Committee will engage in a policy discussion on Aging focused on the current status and pathway toward achieving CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) certification for senior living and long-term care facilities in the U.S. Virgin Islands. CMS certification is essential for facilities seeking to provide care reimbursable under Medicare and Medicaid, and ensures compliance with federal standards for quality, safety, and patient rights.

The Committee will examine:

- 1. Where are we now?** – Assessing the current certification status of senior living facilities.
- 2. What's required?** – Understanding CMS's Conditions of Participation, operational manuals, and compliance criteria.
- 3. What's next?** – Outlining a strategic path forward for certification, facility upgrades, and access to CMS federal funding.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Averil George, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

Troy deChabert-Schuster, State Director, AARP Virgin Islands

Honorable Justa Encarnacion, Commissioner, Department of Health

Junia John-Straker, CEO, Lutheran Social Services of Virgin Islands
