



# 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

## SENATE CALENDAR

September 15, 2025 – September 26, 2025

**MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 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**

Please be advised that the 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands Committee on Rules and Judiciary has schedule a hearing **for Monday, September 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.** The purpose of the hearing is to consider the bills pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

### **BLOCK I**

- Bill No. [36-0154](#)** An act providing a lump-sum appropriation from the Health Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Health and a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026
- Bill No. [36-0155](#)** An act providing a lump sum appropriation from the General Fund to the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026
- Bill No. [36-0156](#)** An act providing an appropriation from the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement for operating expenses for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026
- Bill No. [36-0157](#)** An act providing an appropriation from the Virgin Islands Lottery as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026
- Bill No. [36-0158](#)** An act providing an appropriation from the District Public Road Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Public Works for operating expenses for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026
- Bill No. [36-0159](#)** An act providing an appropriation from the Indirect Cost Fund for the operating expenses of the Office of Management and Budget, the Virgin Islands Division of Personnel, the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement and the Virgin Islands Department of Finance for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026
- Bill No. [36-0160](#)** An act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund and the St. Thomas Capital Improvement Fund for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0161](#)** An act appropriating \$25,500,000 to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0162](#)** An act appropriating \$20,000,000 from the Virgin Islands Insurance Guaranty Fund as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through, September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0163](#)** An act providing an appropriation for salaries and expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Elections and the Office of the Supervisor of Elections in the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

## **BLOCK II**

**Bill No. [36-0164](#)** An act providing a lump-sum appropriation from the School Construction, Maintenance and Capital Fund to the Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance for repair, renovation and maintenance of public schools and facilities in fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0165](#)** An act appropriating \$6,000,000 from the Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund as a contribution to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0166](#)** An act providing an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the Office of the Governor, the Virgin Islands Department of Education, the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture, the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation, the Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System and the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0167](#)** An act providing an appropriation for the salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0168](#)** An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Public Employees Relations Board and the Virgin Islands Labor Management Committee for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0169](#)** An act appropriating the sum of \$1,000,000 from the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund to the School Construction, Maintenance and Capital Fund for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0170](#)** An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Waste Management Authority from the Sewer Waste Water Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0171](#)** An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Hospital and Health Facilities Corporation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0172](#)** An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Office of the Inspector General from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0173](#)** An act providing an appropriation for the operation of the Judicial Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands, the Judicial Council and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

### **BLOCK III**

**Bill No. [36-0175](#)** An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Public Services Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0176](#)** An act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the St. John Capital Improvement Fund for fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0177](#)** An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0178](#)** An act providing an appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund as a contribution to the General Fund and for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Public Works during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0179](#)** An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0180](#)** An act providing an appropriation to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0181](#)** An act providing an appropriation from the Anti-Litter and Beautification Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority and the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works for operating expenses during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

**Bill No. [36-0182](#)** An act providing an appropriation for the operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026

- Bill No. [36-0186](#)** An act appropriating \$6,074,209 from the GVI/JPMC Charitable Fund to the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026
- Bill No. [36-0120](#)** An act appropriating the sum of \$341,460 from the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Education in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 for the purpose of conducting evaluations to determine students' eligibility for special education services
- Bill No. [36-0174](#)** An act providing an appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operation of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 and amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27 requiring legislative approval for increased employer and employee contribution amounts to the Government Employees Retirement System

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**TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**Reserved**

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**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

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

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

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**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**Reserved**

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**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

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**MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR AVERY L. LEWIS  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.**

**Committee on Government Operations,  
Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection  
9:30 A.M.  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, September 22, 2025, at 9:30 AM** in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to provide testimony on the following bills:

**BLOCK I**

**9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

**Bill No. [36-0061](#)** An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 706 and chapter 28A, section 755 allowing retirees who are receiving an annuity from the Government Employees Retirement System who are subsequently employed by the University of the Virgin Islands (“UVI”), to continue to receive their GERS annuity while receiving their salary from the University if the retiree enrolls in a different retirement plan.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Angel E. Dawson**, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System

**Ms. Safiya George, PhD**, President, University of the Virgin Islands

**BLOCK II**

**11:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

**Bill No. [36-0102](#)** An act amending title 31 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23 by re-enacting section 236b requiring the use of construction materials manufactured in the Virgin Islands, to the greatest extent practicable, for locally or federally funded contracts with the Government of the Virgin Islands.

**Invited Testifiers:****Honorable Lisa Alejandro**, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement**Honorable Derek A. Gabriel**, Commissioner, Department of Public Works**Dr. Haldane Davies**, Director, Virgin Islands Bureau of Economic Research (BER)**Mr. Donald Stevens**, Partner, Cat5 Builders, LLC**Mr. Eric Castro**, Owner, Universal Concrete**Ms. Yvette Williams**, Manager of Accounting, Heavy Materials**Mr. Dion Alibocas**, General Manager, Masters Concrete VI**BLOCK III****12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**Bill No. [36-0058](#)** An Act honoring and commending Dennis “Pumpa” Lennox Leroy Liburd, Jr. for his many contributions to the Virgin Islands culture and music industry as a Soca artist by awarding him the Official key to the Territory and naming the main entrance of 6-Y Peters Rest Road, Christiansted, St. Croix in his honor.

**Invited Testifiers:****Mr. Bryan “Benny Demus” Boulai**, DJ, Music Director, Manager & Producer**Mr. Ian M. Turnbull**, Director, Division of Festivals**Mr. Yohannes Worede**, President, USVI Soccer Federation & Peters Rest Apts. Inc.**Ms. Ushana Khublal**, Owner of KUSH ENT**Mr. Kai Hendricks**, Director, Converged Networks ONE Communications VI**BLOCK VI****2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

**Bill No. [36-0107](#)** A resolution honoring and commending Dr. Alfred Lee Anduze for his outstanding achievements and significant contributions to the fields of medicine, science, public health, and community empowerment.

**Invited Testifiers:****Mr. Terrance E. Highfield**, Long time close friend**Ms. Jennifer Jackson**, Good friend and Former UVI Chancellor**Ms. Rita Dudley Grant, PhD**, Cousin**Judge Patricia D. Steele**, Cousin**Judge George W. Cannon, Jr.**, Good friend**Ms. Angela Torres McGhee, PhD**, Cousin**Mr. Richard A. Schrader, Sr.**, Mentor, Patient & Friend**Mr. Frank Duggan**, Long time close friend



**BLOCK V****3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**Bill No. [36-0121](#)** An act to rename the Peter Carl Limpricht Park the TSK Park in honor of the Ten Sleepless Knights quelbe band and making an appropriation to effectuate that change.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Stanley Jacobs**, Treasurer/Founder and Band Leader, Ten Sleepless Knights, Inc.

**Dr. Lauren Larsen**, President, Ten Sleepless Knights, Inc.

**Ms. Vivian Ebbesen**, President, Crucian Cultural Group (CCG)

**Mr. Myron Jackson**, Former Senator, Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**Mr. Vincent Roberts**, Commissioner Designee, Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation

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

**TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 26, 2025**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**Reserved**

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