



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
September 18, 2023 – September 29, 2023

MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Reserved

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 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,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

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

Committee on Rules and Judiciary
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY**

**Committee on Education
and Workforce Development**

10:00 A.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Education and Workforce Development will receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services, Virgin Islands Department of Health, University of the Virgin Islands and Lutheran Social Services regarding the following:

- The agency, department, or organization's role in Early Childhood Care and Education in the Virgin Islands, specifically programs that address early childhood care, health, nutrition, play, early learning, social services, and parental involvement including promoting family literacy.
- An overview of the state of childhood care and education programs under their jurisdiction, including the enrollment figures, program outcomes, the status and effectiveness of programs and any initiatives aimed at improving access and enhancing the quality of early childhood care and education.

Invited Testifiers:

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

Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Health

Karen H. Brown, Ph.D., MPH, CCC-SLP, Dean of the School of Education, University of the Virgin Islands

Junia John Straker, Chief Executive Officer, Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands, Inc.

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

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

Committee of the Whole

6:00 P.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 22, 2023**

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

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

**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Reserved

**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.**

**Committee on Government Operations,
Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room in St. Croix**. The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I**10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0058 - An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, by adding a chapter 25 to enact The Public-Private Partnership Agreement Act.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Derek A. Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

Mr. Carlton Dowe, Director, V.I. Port Authority

Mr. Wayne Biggs, CEO, V.I. Economic Development Authority

Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Ph.D., Commissioner, Department of Education

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

Mr. Jerome Boschulte, President, Custom Builders

Mr. John Wessel, President, GEC, LLC

Mr. Andrew Smith, CEO/Executive, V.I. Water and Power Authority

Mr. Roger Merritt, Executive Director, V.I. Waste Management Authority

Ms. Dayna Clendinen, Interim Executive Director, V.I. Housing Finance Authority

Mr. Robert Graham, Executive Director, V.I. Housing Authority

Mr. Robert Jackson, Managing Partner, Jackson Development Company, LLC

Mr. Clifford Graham, Partner, Jackson Development Company, LLC

Mr. Eric Cusin, Vice-President, J. Benton Construction, LLC

Mrs. Jennifer Matarangas-King, Vice President of Public Relations and Governmental Affairs, VIYA

LUNCH**12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.****BLOCK II****1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0102 - An Act honoring and commending Ralph A. deChabert, M.D. for outstanding contributions in the medical field to the people of the Virgin Islands and his many civic contributions to the community, especially to the island of St. Croix and to name the Labor and Delivery/Post Partum Unit “Maternity Services” at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center North in his honor.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Cora Christian, MD, Resident

Ms. Ivy Ashwood, RN, Resident

Vivian Ebbesen-Fludd, MS, RN, Resident and Former Commissioner of Health

Mr. Angelo K. Galiber, MD, Resident

BLOCK II**3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0125 - An Act honoring and commending the late Police Lieutenant Melbourne Clarke posthumously for his dedication, service, and contributions to the Virgin Islands community in law enforcement by adding the name, "Police Lieutenant Melbourne Clarke Drive", at Route 669 on the island of St. Croix.

Invited Testifiers:**Mr. Uston Cornelius**, Deputy Police Chief, V.I. Police Department**Mr. Ray Clarke**, Resident

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023****CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES****Committee on Housing,
Transportation, and Telecommunications
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28, 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 29, 2023**

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.**

**Committee on Government Operations,
Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection
TOWN HALL MEETING
6:00 P.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**
