



**35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**SENATE CALENDAR**  
**September 25, 2023 – October 06, 2023**

**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 III****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**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**RESERVED**

**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**

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for **Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 9:30 AM** in the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands** to consider Nominations and Bills.

**BLOCK I****9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.****Nomination of:**

**Sandra L. Setorie**, Executive Director Appointee, Virgin Islands Public Service Commission

**Laura Nichols-Samms**, Board Member Nominee, Virgin Islands Public Service Commission – St. John District

**BLOCK II****11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

**Bill No. [35-0014](#)** An Act posthumously honoring and commending Wayne “Facts Man” Adams for articulating and bringing events of historic significance to the people of the Virgin Islands, by naming the bridge at the Nadir intersection on the island of St. Thomas the “Wayne ‘Facts Man’ Adams Bridge.

**Bill No. [35-0074](#)** An Act honoring and commending former Senator Almando “Rocky” Liburd for his lifetime of service to the people of the Virgin Islands especially St. John and renaming the North Shore Road on St. John “The Almando “Rocky” Liburd Highway.”

**BLOCK III****12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.**

**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. [35-0104](#)** 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 Sandcastle 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.

**LUNCH****1:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.****BLOCK IV****2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

**Bill No. [35-0032](#)** An Act repealing and reenacting title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 2, relating to government employees’ eligibility for elected office, to allow government employees to run for political office while actively employed, unless specifically prohibited by federal or other laws.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Caroline Fawkes**, Supervisor of Elections, Virgin Islands Election System

**Cindy Richardson**, Director, Division of Personnel

**Joss Springette, Esq.**, Chief Negotiator, Office of Collective Bargaining

**Stedmann Hodge, Jr.**, Democratic State Chairman

**BLOCK V****3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**Bill No. [35-0121](#)** An Act amending Virgin Islands Code, title 4, chapter 29, section 482 and title 5, subtitle I, part V, chapter 61, section 660 increasing jury and witness fees and allowances, respectively.

**Invited Testifiers:****Dwyer Arce, Esq., President**, Virgin Islands Bar Association**Regina Petersen**, Administrator, Judiciary of the Virgin Islands**Julie Smith Todman**, Interim Chief Public Defender, Office of the Territorial Public Defender**Ariel Smith, Esq.**, Attorney General, Virgin Islands Department of Justice

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**FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT**

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**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**

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**MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 02, 2023**

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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  
9:30 A.M.  
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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The Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, October 2, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers 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 Office of Disaster Recovery (ODR)**'s efforts, goals, progress, and challenges as it relates to the territory's disaster recovery projects, as well as the status of all federal and local disaster-related funding and issues relating to same.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Mrs. Adrienne Williams-Octalien**, Director, VI Office of Disaster Recovery

The committee will also receive an update from, and discuss, the **Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE)**'s planned, in-process, and completed projects; the status of all federal and local funding identified for school repair/rebuild projects, as well as challenges the department has encountered with respect to its' role in the territory's disaster recovery efforts.

**Invited Testifier:**

**The Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington**, Commissioner, VI Department of Education

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**BLOCK II****1:30 P.M.**

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

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Dayna Clendinen**, Interim CEO, VI Housing Finance Authority

**Mrs. Adrienne Williams-Octalien**, Director, VI Office of Disaster Recovery

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**TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 03, 2023**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES**

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**Committee on Housing,  
Transportation, and Telecommunications  
10:00 A.M.  
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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

Update and discussion on the status and future of landfills in the territory; An assessment of the implementation of the tipping fee; The status and future of residential and business solid waste collection; The status of the Authority's operations, including of hazardous pay workers in the Waste Management Authority; The status and future plans for recycling and source separation; and the status of wastewater collection and treatment.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Mr. Roger Merritt**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority

**LUNCH****12:30 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**BLOCK II****1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

Update and discussion on ongoing network or other issues impacting the quality of service, along with actions plans to address any such matter; status of present infrastructure projects and plans for future development, with a focus on planning and utilization of federal broadband funding; and plans for improving and expanding customer service, connections speeds and service coverage areas in the Virgin Islands.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**The Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol**, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources

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

**Ms. Jenifer O'Neal**, Director, Office of Management and Budget

**Mr. Andrew Smith**, Executive Director, V.I. Water & Power Authority

**Mr. Stephan Adams**, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network

**Ms. Geraldine Pitt**, Chief Executive Officer, Viya

**Ms. Wanda Alvarez**, Government Affairs Counsel, Liberty Communications of Puerto Rico/USVI

**Attorney Mark Hodge**, Legal Counsel, T-Mobile, Virgin Islands

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**WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 04, 2023**

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

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**Committee on Health, Hospitals,  
and Human Services**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Room on St. Croix.

**BLOCK I****9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**



**Bill No. [35-0119](#)** An Act amending Title 19 Virgin Islands Code by adding a chapter 7A directing the Department of Health to develop and approve Mobile integrated healthcare programs.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Dr. Tess Richards**, Interim Executive Director, St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation

**Tina M. Comissiong, Esq. MPA**, Chief Executive Officer, Schneider Regional Medical Center

**Ms. Jacqueline Greenridge**, EMT Training Officer, Department of Health

**Mr. Daryl D. Jaschen**, Director, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency

**The Honorable Justa E. “Tita” Encarnacion**, Commissioner, Department of Health

**Mr. Douglas Koch**, Chief Executive Officer

**Ms. Masserae Sprauve-Webster**, Chief Executive Officer, Frederiksted Health Care, Inc.

**Mr. Daryl A. George, Sr.**, Director, Virgin Islands Fire Service

**LUNCH**

**12:05 P.M. - 12:55 P.M.**

**BLOCK II**

**1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony from Dr. Walter Rohloff MD, of the Kidney Center relative to At Home Dialysis Program, Acute Kidney Failure, Chronic Kidney Disease, Kidney Stones, Hypertension, and Renal Transplantation.

**Invited Testifier:**

Dr. Walter Rohloff, MD, The Kidney Center

**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 05, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN**

**Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging,  
Sports, and Parks**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks has scheduled a hearing for **Thursday, October 5, 2023, 10:00 AM** at the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room in St. Croix** to receive testimony and updates regarding the 175<sup>th</sup> Emancipation Commemoration Committee and the Virgin Islands Puerto Rico Friendship Committee.

**BLOCK I****10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

This hearing will focus on receiving testimony and updates from the 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee (ECC). The committee will present its annual report on this year's Emancipation celebration, highlighting successes and challenges, improvements made, and budgetary details, including expenditures.

Additionally, the hearing will delve into the progress of archival and digitization projects currently in progress. The ECC will provide insights into their ongoing initiatives in this regard.

Furthermore, the committee will discuss plans for the remainder of the year, seeking input and collaboration from stakeholders to expand the Emancipation Celebration and raise awareness. They will also share identified needs and areas where assistance can facilitate the growth of the celebration and its broader impact on public awareness.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**The Honorable Carol Burke**, Chairwoman, 175<sup>th</sup> Emancipation Commemoration Committee

**The Honorable Myron Jackson**, Former Senator & Board Member

**BLOCK II****11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

During this hearing, the committee will be hosting special presentations to commemorate the Virgin Islands & Puerto Rico Friendship Day. These presentations will showcase the significance of the friendship between the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

In addition to the special presentations, the committee will receive a comprehensive overview of the Virgin Islands Puerto Rico Friendship Committee. This overview will encompass the committee's activities, achievements, challenges or obstacles encountered, and the specific needs it has identified. The hearing aims to provide a platform for a thorough understanding of the committee's role in fostering and maintaining this friendship.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**The Honorable Jose Corcino**, Mayor, Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico

**The Honorable Samuel Sanes**, Former Senator & St. Croix Administrator

**The Honorable Luis Torres**, Chairman, Virgin Islands Puerto Rico Friendship Committee

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**FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 06, 2023**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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