



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
September 30, 2024 – October 11, 2024

MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

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

**Committee on Housing, Transportation
and Telecommunications**

9:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

BLOCK I

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Update and discussion on the overall operational, fiscal, and human resources picture of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority; the outlook for the supply and demand for affordable housing in the territory; the status of the Housing Choice Voucher Program; the status of public housing communities, and of renovation and replacement projects; the status of senior housing; and the status of resident empowerment programs.

Invited Testifier:

Dwayne Alexander, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority

BLOCK II

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Update and discussion on all issues regarding housing and housing stability that are impacted by the non-profit housing assistance programs. The current extent of housing instability; the operational and financial status of organizations providing services to persons suffering housing instability; and the extent and nature of interaction and collaboration between non-profits and government agencies, and suggestions for improvement.

Invited Testifiers:

Andrea Shillingford, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands

Dan Derima, Executive Director, Meeting the Needs of the Community

Dr. Suzanne Darrow-Magras, Board Secretary, Virgin Islands Continuum of Care

Jessica Whyte, Founder, The St. Clair Institute

Honorable Averil George, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

LUNCH

1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

BLOCK III**1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.**

Update on the status of the property insurance market, as well as any recommendations to mitigate the situation, as we continue to examine issues of affordable housing and homeownership.

Invited Testifiers:**Honorable Tregenza Roach, Esq.**, Lt. Governor of the VI, Lt. Governor's Office**Sandra Harty**, President, V.I. Insurance Association

**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024****CHAIR: SENATOR DIANE T. CAPEHART
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER****Committee on Rules and Judiciary****TOWN HALL MEETING****4:00 P.M.****Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 01, 2024****CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK****Reserved**

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 02, 2024**

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

**Committee on Health,
Hospitals and Human Services
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall St. Thomas.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the services offered by the Virgin Islands Diabetes Center of Excellence to further evaluate their request for public support.

Invited Testifiers:

Dr. Julia Sheen, DrPH, MPH, Interim Executive Director, Virgin Islands Diabetes Center of Excellence
Honorable Justa “Tita” Encarnacion, Commissioner, Department of Health
Tina Comissiong Esq., MPA, Chief Executive Officer, Schneider Regional Medical Center

BLOCK II

11:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.

Bill No. [35-0289](#) An Act amending title 27 of the Virgin Islands Code by raising the legal age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Justa “Tita” Encarnacion, Commissioner, Department of Health
Honorable Nathalie Hodge, Commissioner, Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs
Duane Howell, MSHS, RRT, AE-C, Executive Director, Access to Racial & Cultural Health Institute, Inc

LUNCH

12:45 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.

BLOCK III**1:45 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

The Committee will receive an update on the extent to which the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute will provide comprehensive cancer diagnosis and care once operations are restored.

Invited Testifier:

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

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 03, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 04, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 07, 2024**

**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. Ottery Legislative Hall

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 08, 2024**

**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**

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 09, 2024**

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

**Committee on Economic Development
and Agriculture
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2024**

**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,
OCTOBER 11, 2024**

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

**Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging,
Sports, and Parks
9:30 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**
