



**36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**SENATE CALENDAR**  
**February 17, 2025 – February 24, 2025**

**MONDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2025**

**PRESIDENTS' DAY**

**Holiday**

**TUESDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

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

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations  
and Finance**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 10:00 A.M. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.**

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 10:00 A.M. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix to receive testimony from the Government's Financial Team on the territory's finances to include the status of vendor payments, property taxes, 90-120 days revenue collections, 90-120 days general expenditures, the Tourism Revolving Fund, Compliance reporting in accordance with Act 8915, the Line of Credit, the Budget Stabilization Fund, the Single Payer Utility, cash on hand, federal drawdowns and status of federal grants to include FEMA, ARPA and CARES and the Epstein Fund, etc.

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will also receive testimony from the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works on the overview of Capital Projects (Territorial), Garvee funded projects, an update on road projects and bridges and the status of the Paul E. Joseph Stadium and the VITRAN Maintenance and Operations Facility on St. Croix.

**Invited Testifiers:****Honorable Kevin McCurdy**, Commissioner, VI Department of Finance**Julio Rhymer**, Director, Office of Management and Budget**Joel Lee**, Director, VI Bureau of Internal Revenue**Adrienne Williams-Octalien**, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery**Brent Leerdam**, Tax Collector, Office of the Lt. Governor**Chalma Moorhead**, Acting Tax Assessor, Office of the Lt. Governor**Joss Springette, Esq.**, Chief Negotiator, Office of Collective Bargaining**Cindy L. Richardson**, Director, Division of Personnel**Honorable Derek Gabriel**, Commissioner, VI Department of Public Works

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**WEDNESDAY,****FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK****Reserved**

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**THURSDAY,****FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

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

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

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The Committee will receive testimony from the Office of Disaster Recovery on its operations and key disaster recovery and infrastructure projects, including but not limited to:

**Review of Federal Disaster Assistance Grants**

Current data on anticipated, allocated, obligated, and expended funds

Challenges and Opportunities in Grant Utilization

**Super Project Management Office (PMO): Structure and Responsibilities**

Operation and Effectiveness of Super PMO

Coordination with Other Agencies and Stakeholders

**Status of Bundles: Critical Projects**

Assessment of Bundling Approach and Contractor Responsiveness

Update on Key Infrastructure and Recovery Projects

**Performance of CDBG-DR Programs**

Progress of Envision Tomorrow Initiative

Data on Resident Participation and Responsiveness

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

**Eugene Jones, Jr.**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

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**FRIDAY,**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2025**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.**

**VICE CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH**

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**Committee on Culture, Youth,**

**Aging, Sports and Parks**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Cleone H. Creque Legislative Conference Room**

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**MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

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

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**Committee on Government Operations,  
Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection  
9:00 A.M.  
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, February 24, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands** to provide updates on the following agencies:

#### **BLOCK I**

The Department of Property and Procurement will provide a comprehensive update on the state of the Government of the Virgin Islands contractual agreements, vendor payments, leases, and the GVI Buy Software.

Key highlights will include the status of capital projects, pending/outstanding leases, contracts, and payments that affect government operations.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Honorable Lisa Alejandro**, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement

#### **BLOCK II**

Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs to provide an update on programs that prevent fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair business practices and information to help consumers spot, stop, and avoid scams and fraud.

Key highlights include a fuel price survey, the frequency of grocery store price analyses and results, and the status of capital projects.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Honorable H. Natalie Hodge**, Commissioner, Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

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**TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

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**CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR HUBERT L. FREDERICK**

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**Committee on Health,  
Hospitals and Human Services  
10:00 A.M.  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

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Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a hearing on **Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, on St. Croix.**

#### **BLOCK I**

The Committee will receive testimony regarding the strategic plan to address staffing shortages and the reduction of emergency room wait-times at both hospital facilities. Also, the members will be presented with an overview on the territory's MAP program and the boarder crisis in the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Regional Medical Center and the Schneider Regional Medical Center.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Averil E. George**, Commissioner, Department of Human Services  
**Tina M. Comissiong, Esq., MPA**, CEO, Schneider Regional Medical Center  
**Hazel Philbert**, Interim CEO, Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Regional Medical Center  
**Darlene Carty-Baptiste**, Incoming CEO, Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Regional Medical Center  
**Christopher Finch**, Chairman, Virgin Islands Government Health and Hospital Corporation  
**Edgar Phillips**, Resident, St. Thomas, USVI

#### **BLOCK II**

The members will receive an overview on the designs including final completion target dates of the Herbert Grigg Nursing Home, Queen Louise Home for the Aged, Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center, Schneider Regional Medical Center, Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, and the Department of Human Services Complex, on St. Thomas.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Averil E. George**, Commissioner, Department of Human Services  
**Christopher Finch**, Chairman, Virgin Islands Government Health and Hospital Corporation  
**Darryl Smalls**, Executive Director, Facilities and Capital Development, Territorial Hospital Redevelopment Team  
**Jerry Smith**, Incoming Chairman, Virgin Islands Government Health and Hospital Corporation

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**WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**Reserved**

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**THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

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

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**Committee on Rules and Judiciary  
10:00 A.M.  
Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall**

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**FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

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

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

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The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications has scheduled a meeting for **Friday, February 28, 2025, in the Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.**

**BLOCK I**

Update and discussion on key matters related to the operations of the Department of Public Works. Providing the department's short- and long-term goals, staffing updates, transportation and bus route extensions, ferry operations, engineering services to GVI agencies, and the current state of the territory's roads, bridges, and cemeteries. As well as the challenges the Department is facing and their plans to address them to better serve the residents of our territory.

**Invited Testifier:**

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

**LUNCH****BLOCK II**

Discussion on the operations of the Virgin Island Waste Management Authority as it relates to their plans and priorities for the coming year. Update on the status of staffing, payroll challenges and vendor payments. In addition to the status of tipping fees, wastewater treatment plants, pump station operations and capacity, landfills within the territory, garbage collection, oil collection, and any other challenges the agency is facing, along with their plans to overcome them to better serve the community.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Daryl Griffith**, Interim Executive Director, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority