



36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

SENATE CALENDAR

June 09, 2025 – June 16, 2025

**MONDAY,
JUNE 09, 2025**

CHAIR: SENATOR HUBERT L. FREDERICK
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.

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

BLOCK I

Discussion on Economic Development and Self-Sustainability in the U.S. Virgin Islands

This block will explore ongoing efforts and future strategies to strengthen the Virgin Islands economy and advance toward greater self-sufficiency. The discussion will highlight the roles of key agencies—including the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority and the Bureau of Economic Research—in guiding policy development, monitoring economic trends, and supporting sustainable growth. Topics may include recent data-driven insights, progress on long-term economic plans, support for small business development, investment promotion, workforce initiatives, and efforts to build a more resilient and diversified local economy.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Wayne Biggs, Jr., Executive Director, Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority
Haldane E. Davies, Ph. D., Director, Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority

LUNCH BREAK

BLOCK II

Bill No. [36-0065](#) An Act amending Act No. 8512 by removing the responsibility of the Virgin Islands Port Authority from constructing a warehouse on the former Addelita Cancryn Junior High School campus to requiring the Port Authority to assist with the design, retrofitting and renovation of an existing warehouse located on Parcel No. 1B and 47B-1 Gasverks Gade, No. 3 Crown Prince Quarter, St. Thomas

The Committee will receive testimony on the proposed legislative amendment, including its potential impact on project implementation, inter-agency coordination, and overall cost-efficiency.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Carlton Dowe, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Port Authority

Mr. Craig Benjamin, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance

Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, EdD, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 10, 2025**

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

**Committee on Budget,
Appropriations and Finance
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

**10:00 A.M. Department of Finance
Honorable Kevin G. McCurdy, Commissioner**

**Public Finance Authority
Nathan Simmonds, Director of Finance and Administration**

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

12:00 P.M. LUNCH

**1:00 P.M. Internal Revenue Bureau
Joel A. Lee, Director**

**3:00 P.M. Office of Management & Budget
Julio Rhymer, Sr., Director**

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 11, 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.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks will convene a hearing on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Hall on St. Croix** to receive testimony and updates regarding the current status of the Paul E. Joseph Stadium construction project.

The current construction status and execution timeline, updates on the contractual standing with GEC, LLC and affiliated project vendors, procurement challenges encountered and their proposed or implemented resolutions, oversight and accountability measures ensuring fiscal responsibility and project performance, and interagency coordination efforts to support the timely advancement of project phases.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement

Mr. John Wessel, Representative, GEC, LLC

**THURSDAY,
JUNE 12, 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 Thursday, June 12, 2025, 10:00 A.M. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Invited Testifier:

Mrs. Joann A. Murphy, Chairperson, VI Career & Technical Board

BLOCK II

The Committee will also receive testimony on the following bills:

Bill No. [36-0025](#) An Act appropriating \$90,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services to purchase all-in-one mobile health, wellness, and personal safety devices for Virgin Islands senior citizens and other vulnerable residents, and pay the annual service associated with maintenance of the devices

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Averil E. George, Commissioner, VI Department of Human Services

Mr. Barry Broome, President, ADT

Mrs. Esther Merla Phillips, Resident

Bill No. [36-0042](#) An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code subtitle 3, chapter 118, section 3411 to increase the maximum judgement amount for the award of damages against the Government of the Virgin Islands

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Gordon C. Rhea, Esq. Attorney General, VI Department of Justice

Bill No. [36-0076](#) An Act repealing title 25 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 17, section 501 and amending title 32 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21 by adding an article XVII relating to cruise ship gaming in the territorial waters of the Virgin Islands

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Joseph B. Boschulte, Commissioner, VI Department of Tourism

Marvin L. Pickering, Chairman, VI Casino Control Commission

Carlton Dowe, Executive Director, VI Port Authority

Akeel St. Jean, Esq., President, St. Croix Chamber of Commerce

John Woods, President, St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce

**FRIDAY,
JUNE 13, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**MONDAY,
JUNE 16, 2025**

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

**Committee on Disaster Recovery,
Infrastructure and Planning**

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

BLOCK I

Bill No. [36-0070](#) An Act amending title 28 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 19 by adding section 423 relating to failure to use property acquired through the exercise of the power of eminent.

Invited Testifiers:

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

Honorable Gordon Rhea, Esq., Attorney General, Virgin Islands Department of Justice

Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement

BLOCK II

The Committee will receive testimony from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor on the Street Addressing Initiative Program including a comprehensive update, progress achieved, challenges faced, and anticipated timeline for next steps

Invited Testifiers:

Nadja Harrigan, Esq., Acting Chief of Staff, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Chris George, Administrator, GIS Division, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Franelle Gerard, Executive Director, Crucian Heritage & Nature Tourism

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 17, 2025**

CHAIR: SENATOR KURT A. VIALET
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR AVERY L. LEWIS

**Committee on Education
and Workforce Development
9:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

The Committee will receive testimony regarding plans for summer repair and maintenance in public schools, as well as consider and vet proposed committee legislation.

BLOCK I – Plans for summer repair and maintenance in public schools

Invited Testifier:

Craig Benjamin, Executive Director, Bureau of School Construction and Maintenance

BLOCK II – Consider and vet proposed committee legislation

Bill No. [36-0049](#) An Act establishing the Bureau of School Security within the Virgin Islands Department of Education

Invited Testifiers:

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

Gleston E. McIntosh, Jr., Executive Director, Virgin Islands Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.)

Honorable Mario Brooks, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department

Irvin Mason, Director of School Security, Virgin Islands Dept. of Education

Akeel Phillips, School Monitor, Virgin Islands Department of Education

Bill No. [36-0064](#) An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3100i aligning the disbursement and spending limitations of funds allotted to public schools from the Education Initiative Fund with the realities of academic planning, ensuring that funds are used to maximize student success

Invited Testifiers:

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

Julio Rhymer, Director, Office of Management and Budget

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 18, 2025**

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

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations
and Finance**

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 10:00 A.M. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

**Bureau of Corrections
Wynnie Testamark, Director**

BLOCK II

1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

**Department of Justice
Honorable Gordon C. Rhea, Esq., Attorney General**

Continuation of the Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Hearing **on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 6:00 P.M. in the Cleone H. Creque Legislative Conference Room on St. John** to receive testimony on the following bill:

BLOCK III

6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Bill No. [36-0092](#)

An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and St. John Taxi Services Corporation, for Parcel No. D-2 Estate Cruz Bay Town, Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John, Virgin Islands

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Vincent Richards, Assistant Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement

Mr. Sean L. Claxton, President, St. John Taxi Services Corporation

Ms. Carmen Wesselhoft, Taxi Driver

THURSDAY,

JUNE 19, 2025

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Holiday

**FRIDAY,
JUNE 20, 2025**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved
