



# 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

## SENATE CALENDAR

June 16, 2025 – June 27, 2025

**MONDAY,  
JUNE 16, 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.**  
**Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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### **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

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**TUESDAY,  
JUNE 17, 2025**

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

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

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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  
**Kyza A. Callwood, PhD**, Chairperson, Virgin Islands Board of Education

**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  
**Irvin Mason**, Director of School Security, Virgin Islands Department of Education  
**Kyza A. Callwood, PhD**, Chairperson, Virgin Islands Board 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  
**Kevin Dowdy**, 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**

**MONDAY,  
JUNE 23, 2025**

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

**Committee on Government Operations,  
Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection**  
**9:30 A.M.**  
**Earle B. Ottery Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, June 23, 2025, at 9:30 AM** in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to provide updates on the following agencies:

### **BLOCK I**

**9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Office of Veterans Affairs including but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, its current challenges, a plan of action to resolve challenges and the following:

- Outcome of the efforts of the recent delegation's travels to Puerto Rico;
- Effects of President Donald Trump's Executive Orders on our territory; and
- Other pertinent information as it pertains to our veterans.

#### **Invited Testifier:**

**Mr. Patrick Farrell**, Director, Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs

### **BLOCK II**

**11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.**

**Bill No. [36-0090](#)** An act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11 by adding section 200m to declare the week beginning the Monday before the first Friday in June as the Virgin Islands Gun Violence Awareness Week.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Antonio Emanuel**, Director, Office of Gun Violence Prevention

**Honorable Mario M. Brooks**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department

**Bill No. [36-0097](#)** A resolution commending the National Conference of State Legislatures ("NCSL") on its 50th anniversary and recognizing the NCSL for its commitment to the legislative institution.

### **BLOCK III**

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

**Bill No. [36-0012](#)** An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27 to streamline the GERS disability annuity approval procedures and for other related issues.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Angel E. Dawson**, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System

**Mr. Dwane Callwood**, Board Chairman, Government Employees Retirement System

**Bill No. [36-0066](#)** An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 by adding a section 928a providing that all officials and employees of the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority and its wholly owned subsidiaries must be members of the Government Employees

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Angel E. Dawson**, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System

**Mr. Dwane Callwood**, Board Chairman, Government Employees Retirement System

**Honorable Kevin McCurdy**, Commissioner, VI Public Finance Authority

**Mr. Nathan Simmonds**, Director of Finance & Administration, Public Finance Authority

**Mr. Stephan Adams**, President & Chief Executive Officer, ViNGN

**TUESDAY,  
JUNE 24, 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, June 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

**10:00 A.M. VI Energy Office  
Kyle Fleming, Director**

**12:00 P.M. LUNCH**

**1:00 P.M. VITEMA  
Daryl Jaschen, Director**

**3:00 P.M. VIFEMS  
Antonio Stevens, Director**

**WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 25, 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. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 26, 2025**

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

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

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The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Wednesday, June 26, 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. Public Service Commission**

**12:00 P.M. LUNCH**

**1:00 P.M. Department of Labor**

**3:00 P.M. Division of Personnel GESC/OCB**

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**FRIDAY,  
JUNE 27, 2025**

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**PRESIDENT: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER  
VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS**

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

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