



**36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**REVISED SENATE CALENDAR**  
**March 10, 2025 – March 21, 2025**

**MONDAY,**  
**MARCH 10, 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**

The Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, March 10, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix**, Virgin Islands to provide updates on the following:

**BLOCK I**

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources will provide a comprehensive update on its operations, regulatory responsibilities, and ongoing efforts to manage and protect the Virgin Islands' natural, cultural, and historical resources.

Key highlights will include staffing challenges, enforcement capabilities, concerns over potential loss of federal funding, updates on the Division of Fish and Wildlife's conservation and regulatory programs, ongoing environmental protection initiatives, the status of coastal development projects under the Division of Coastal Zone Management, and current efforts in historic preservation and compliance enforcement.

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

**BLOCK II**

The Virgin Islands Port Authority will present an overview of its operational performance, infrastructure development projects, and efforts to improve air and seaport facilities throughout the territory.

Key highlights will include a review of VIPA’s 2024 Year-End Report, progress on airport modernization projects at Henry E. Rohlsen Airport and Cyril E. King Airport, updates on the \$230 million CEKA terminal expansion and \$140 million HERA improvements, seaport dredging plans for Charlotte Amalie Harbor, and discussions on coordination between VIPA and WICO to optimize operations and minimize redundancies.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Carlton Dowe**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Port Authority

**BLOCK III**

The Office of Cannabis Regulation will provide an update on the agency’s progress in implementing the Virgin Islands Cannabis Use Act and regulating the territory’s emerging cannabis industry.

Key highlights will include the status of cannabis regulations, timelines for business licensing applications, updates on the track-and-trace system partnership with Metrc, staffing levels and hiring plans, public outreach initiatives for entrepreneurs, and plans for upcoming community engagement sessions.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Joanne Moorehead**, Executive Director, Office of Cannabis Regulation

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**TUESDAY,  
MARCH 11, 2025**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

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**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 12, 2025**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

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**THURSDAY,  
MARCH 13, 2025**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**Reserved**

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**FRIDAY,  
MARCH 14, 2025**

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

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**Girl Scouts Mock Session  
10:00 A.M.  
Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall**

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**MONDAY,  
MARCH 17, 2025**

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**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**Reserved**

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**TUESDAY,  
MARCH 18, 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. Otley Legislative Hall**

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**BLOCK I**

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 10:00 A.M. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas to receive testimony on the following lease agreements:

**Bill No. [36-0028](#)** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Tropical Marine, Inc., for Parcel No. 37-1 Estate Nadir, No. 2 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and a portion of unsurveyed Estate Nadir, No. 2 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

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

**Ms. Carmen Ruan**, President, Tropical Marine, Inc.

**Bill No. [36-0040](#)** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Charles M. Kim V.I. Foundation, Inc. d/b/a Virgin Islands Museum of Art, for a portion of Lot No. 48b Norre Gade, Kings Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

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

**Mr. Jason Charles**, Representative

**BLOCK II**

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will also receive testimony on the following bills:

**Bill No. [36-0008](#)** An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 2, chapter 89, subchapter I, section 2494 requiring the Lieutenant Governor to offset a property owner's property tax liability against any amount of money that the Government of the Virgin Islands owes to the property owner

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Julio Rhymer Sr.**, Director, Office of Management and Budget

**Mr. Joel Lee**, Director, VI Bureau of Internal Revenue

**Mr. Brent Leerdam**, Tax Collector, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**Bill No. [36-0023](#)** An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 4, section 72 relating to the highway user tax

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Kevin McCurdy**, Commissioner, VI Department of Finance  
**Honorable Derek A. Gabriel**, Commissioner, VI Department of Public Works  
**Mr. Joel Lee**, Director, VI Bureau of Internal Revenue

**Bill No. [36-0038](#)** An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, subchapter III, section 551, subsection (a) by increasing the limit for outstanding bonds for the Virgin Islands Port Authority from \$100 million to \$500 million

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Carlton Dowe**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Port Authority  
**Mr. Willard John**, Chairman, VI Port Authority Board of Directors

**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 19, 2025**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**THURSDAY,  
MARCH 20, 2025**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

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**FRIDAY,  
MARCH 21, 2025**

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