



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

**REVISED** - SENATE CALENDAR

September 01, 2025 – September 12, 2025

**MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 01, 2025**

**Labor Day**

**Holiday**

**TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 02, 2025**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 03, 2025**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 04, 2025**

**CHAIR: SENATOR CLIFFORD A. JOSEPH, SR.  
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA**

**Committee on Homeland Security,  
Justice and Public Safety  
10:00 A.M.  
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The 36th Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety will meet on **Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.**

**BLOCK I****10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**

**Bill No. 36-0144** - An act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 113 to define and prohibit assault rifles, ban suppressors and silencers, and requiring safety training for licensed rifles and shotgun holders; prohibiting large-capacity magazines and preventing the illegal sales of firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

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

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

**BLOCK II****11:15 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

**Bill No. [36-0105](#)** - An act amending title 7 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, subchapter III by prohibiting the possession, sale, or manufacture of tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, delta-6 THC, delta-8 THC and delta- 10 THC products in the Virgin Islands and for other related purposes

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

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

**Honorable Justa Encarnacion**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Health

**Honorable Louis E. Petersen, PhD**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture

**Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

**Ms. Joanne Moorehead**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Office of Cannabis Regulation

**Ms. Riise Richards**, Chair, Virgin Islands Industrial Hemp Commission, Deputy Commissioner, VI Department of Agriculture

**Mr. Duane Howell**, Executive Director, ARCH Institute

**LUNCH BREAK****12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.****BLOCK III****1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**Bill No. [36-0123](#)** - An act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 43, subchapter I, section 493 making it unlawful for a person who has 0.04 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood to operate a commercial motor vehicle, and making it unlawful for a person under the age of 21 years who has any detectable amount of alcohol in his blood, to operate a motor vehicle

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

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

**Ms. Julie Smith Todman, Esq.**, Chief Public Defender, Virgin Islands Office of the Public Defender

**FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 05, 2025**

**CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK**

**Reserved**

**MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 08, 2025**

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

**Committee on Rules and Judiciary**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a hearing for **10:00 A.M. on Monday, September 08, 2025, in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

**BLOCK I**

**10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

**Mr. Roy Moorehead**, Governor's Nominee, Board of Parole

**Mr. Damian M. Cartwright**, Governor's Nominee, Virgin Islands Board of Land Use Appeals

**BLOCK II****11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.****Mr. Xavier A. Acevedo**, Governor's Nominee, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Governing Board**Dr. Safiya George**, Governor's Nominee, Virgin Islands Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation Board of Directors**LUNCH****1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.****BLOCK III****2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.****Bill No. [36-0101](#)** An act to provide for continuity of operations in the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands in the event of prolonged judicial vacancies.**Invited Testifiers:****Ms. Regina deChabert Petersen**, Administrator of the Courts, Judicial Branch of the Virgin Islands**Mr. J. Russel B. Pate, Esq.**, President, Virgin Islands Bar Association**Honorable Gordon C. Rhea, Esq.**, Attorney General, Department of Justice**Ms. Julie S. Todman, Esq.**, Chief Territorial Public Defender, V.I. Office of the Territorial Public Defender**BLOCK IV****3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.****Bill No. [36-0112](#)** An act amending title 4 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 31, section 516 increasing the filing fee for general civil complaints in the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands and title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 41, section 426 allowing for the collection of nine percent prejudgment interest when an offer of judgment is filed with the court.**Invited Testifiers:****Ms. Regina deChabert Petersen**, Administrator of the Courts, Judicial Branch of the Virgin Islands**Mr. J. Russel B. Pate, Esq.**, President, Virgin Islands Bar Association**TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 09, 2025****CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK****Reserved**

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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. Ottley Legislative Hall**

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The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications has scheduled a meeting for **Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.**

**VIHA Operations, Challenges, and Opportunities**

The Committee will receive testimony on the Virgin Islands Housing Authority's operations, challenges, and opportunities. Areas of focus include agency updates on operations and maintenance issues, the Housing Choice Voucher Program, and progress in community rehabilitation. Testimony will also address the Williams Delight sale and related funding assistance, as well as the impact of federal-level policy changes on VIHA's funding and overall operations.

**Invited Testifier:**

**Dwayne Alexander**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority

**BLOCK II**

**12:30 PM**

**Homeownership and Housing Development Programs**

The Committee will also hear testimony on the status of homeownership and housing development programs. This includes updates on funding and progress of current initiatives, the availability and utilization of funds for affordable housing, and the effects of federal policy changes on funding streams, operations, and programs.

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

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

**Wayne L. Biggs**, Chief Executive Officer, VI Economic Development Authority

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**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11, 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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**FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 12, 202**

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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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