CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

TUESDAY, May 24, 2022

CHAIR: SENATOR SAMUEL CARRIÓN
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR STEVEN D. PAYNE SR.

Committee on Youth, Sports, Parks and Recreation
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Youth, Sports, Parks and Recreation has scheduled a meeting to receive testimony on the following:

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

The Committee will receive an update from the Caribbean Drag Racing Association relative to the St. Croix Drag Racing Track.

Invited Testifiers:
Arthur Hector, President, Caribbean Drag Racing Association
The Honorable Calvert White, Commissioner, Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation

LUNCH
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

BLOCK II
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

The Committee will hear from key stakeholders regarding the state of the Virgin Islands Horse Racing Industry, including but not limited to the franchise and development agreements for the Randall "Doc" James Racetrack and the Clinton E. Phipps Racetrack.
Invited Testifiers:
The Honorable Calvert White, Commissioner, Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation
Robert E. Huckabee, III, President and CEO, Southland Gaming of the Virgin Islands, Inc.
Andrew Dubuque, CFO/Managing Partner, VIGL Operations, LLC
Jason Williams, General Manager, Racing Operations, VIGL Operations, LLC
Hugo Hodge, Chairman, V.I. Horse Racing Commission
Elroy Bates, Jr., President, Flamboyant Park Horsemen Association
Clinton Hedrington, Jr., President, St. Thomas Horsemen Association

WEDNESDAY,
May 25, 2022

Committee on Health, Hospitals
and Human Services
12:00 P.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services has scheduled a hearing to receive testimony on the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center’s audit, the status of JFL North, staffing levels and the recruitment process at the hospital. The committee will also receive testimony on underage drug use, specifically edibles, in the public schools and the territory as well as an update on Covid-19 in the territory.

BLOCK I

The audit of the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center
The status of JFL North
Staffing levels and the recruitment process

Invited Testifiers:
Mr. Doug Knoch, Chief Executive Officer, Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center
Mr. Christopher E. Finch Chairman, Virgin Islands Government Health and Hospital Corporation

BLOCK II

Drug use, specifically edibles, in the public schools and the territory

Invited Testifiers:
The Honorable Racquel Berry-Benjamin Commissioner, VI Department of Education
The Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion, Commissioner, VI Department of Health
BLOCK III

Update on Covid-19 Territory

**Invited Testifier:**
The Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion, Commissioner, VI Department of Health

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**THURSDAY,**
May 26, 2022

**CHAIR:** SENATOR STEVEN D. PAYNE, SR.
**VICE CHAIR:** SENATOR DWAYNE M. DEGRAFF

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

The Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety will meet to consider the following:

**BLOCK I**
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

The Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety will consider the following from the Bureau of Corrections.

Provide an update of the Bureau’s operations under the federal consent decree and overall state of the agency.

To address security/safety and other issues impacting the Bureau of Corrections.

**Invited Testifier:**
Ms. Wynnie Testamark, Director, Bureau of Corrections

**BLOCK II**
1:00 P.M. - Until

The Committee on Homeland Security, Justice & Public Safety will receive testimony from the Department of VITEMA, VIPD, VING & Human Services to give updates for the upcoming 2022 hurricane season.

**Invited Testifiers:**
Mr. Daryl Jaschen, Director, VITEMA
The Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department
The Honorable Kimberley Causey-Gomez, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Human Services
MG Kodjo Knox-Limbacker, Adjutant General, Virgin Islands National Guard
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MONDAY, May 30, 2022

MEMORIAL DAY

Holiday

TUESDAY, May 31, 2022

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WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2022

CHAIR: SENATOR GENEVIEVE R. WHITAKER
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR JANELLE K. SARAUW

Committee on Education, and Workforce Development
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room
The Committee on Education and Workforce Development has scheduled a hearing for Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 10:00 AM in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.

OPENING REMARKS/STATEMENTS 10:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

BLOCK I 10:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

The committee will receive testimony regarding the status of all curriculum mandates, as per Title 17, of the Virgin Islands Code, Sections 41, 41b, 41c, and 48 from the Virgin Islands Department of Education and the Virgin Islands Board of Education; the status of the teaching agriculture in the classrooms, as per Title 17 Virgin Islands Code, Section 41f from the Virgin Islands Department of Education, Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture and the University of the Virgin Islands; the status of the implementation of Act 8374 as it relates to the development of a sustainable career and technical program for public high school students who have selected a vocational career path from the Virgin Islands Board of Career and Technical Education and the Virgin Islands Department of Education and the status of the Emergency Medical Services Program as per Title 17 Virgin Islands Code, Section 17 V.I.C. 41i from the Virgin Islands Department of Health and the Virgin Islands Board of Career and Technical Education

Invited Testifiers:
The Honorable Racquel Berry-Benjamin, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education
Dr. Kyza Callwood, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education
Dr. Michael T. Francois, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board for Career & Technical Education
Rosa-Soto Thomas, President, St. Croix Federation of Teachers AFT Local 1826
Leontyne Jones, President, St. Thomas-St. John Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1825
Dr. David Hall, President, University of the Virgin Islands
The Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Health
The Honorable Positive T.A. Nelson, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture

BREAK 12:15 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.

BLOCK II 12:45 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

The committee will receive testimony on the following bill:

Bill No. 34-0238 An Act amending Title 17 Virgin Islands, chapter 5, section 41(c), relating to courses of study in public schools to require that the Virgin Islands and Caribbean history be taught specifically in Kindergarten through 12th grade and for other purposes

Invited Testifiers:
The Honorable Racquel Berry-Benjamin, Commissioner, VI Department of Education
Leontyne Jones, President, STT-STJ Federation of Teachers, Local 1825
Dr. Kyza Callwood, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education
Rosa Soto-Thomas, President, St. Croix Federation of Teachers, Local1826
Kai Nielsen, CEO, V.I. Collaborative Solutions LLC
BLOCK III          2:45 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.

The committee will receive testimony on the ICF contracts and the status of workforce development; an update on the Skills for Today workforce development program; a status update on the apprenticeship programs and an update on the status and implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Virgin Islands State Plan

Invited Testifiers:
The Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Labor
Michael Carty, Chairman, VI Workforce Development Board
Dayna Clendinen, Interim Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority
William Trumbull, Vice President, ICF Incorporated LLC
Dr. Suzanne Darrow-Magras, UVI Cell Director & Chairwoman, VI State Apprenticeship Council
Kai Nielsen, CEO, V.I. Collaborative Solutions LLC

THURSDAY, June 2, 2022

Committee on Rules and Judiciary
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Rules and the Judiciary has scheduled a meeting to consider the following:

BLOCK I

Nominations:
Dr. Bradley Keys, Virgin Islands Chiropractic Board
Rev. Atty. Wesley Williams, Jr., Re-Nomination - UVI Board of Trustees

BLOCK II

Bill No. 34-0201  A Resolution honoring and commending Eugene “Genix” Thomas posthumously for his outstanding contributions to the Virgin Islands community as a baseball, softball, and life coach.

Bill No. 34-0203  A Resolution honoring and commending Alvin Delano Burke, Sr. posthumously for his service and contributions to the sport of basketball, horse racing and to the people of the Virgin Islands.
Bill No. **34-0220**  A Resolution honoring and commending the Agriculture and Food Fair Board of Directors, the University of the Virgin Islands, and the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture for 50 years of diligence in coordinating, promoting, and hosting the Virgin Islands Agriculture and Food Fair, known as “Agrifest”.

**BLOCK III**

Bill No. **34-0206**  An Act amending title 23, chapter 5, section 460 of the Virgin Islands Code, repealing reciprocal recognition of firearm licenses for persons that own firearms outside of the Virgin Islands.

Bill No. **34-0225**  An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 2, chapter 201, section 2539 to increase the penalties for failure to report certain crimes.

Bill No. **34-0226**  An Act amending Act Nos. 8474, 8479, 8486, 8494, 8496, and 8498 to adjust the fiscal year 2022 budget to appropriate funds to the Casino Control Commission for capital outlay, WTJX for capital outlay and satellite uplink respectively, Elections System of the Virgin Islands for General Election, Virgin Islands Cricket Board, Department of Tourism for personnel and fringe benefits, Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure for personnel and fringe benefits, and 8% salary restoration Social Security and Medicare taxes reimbursement to the Economic Development Authority, Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center and the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority.

Bill No. **34-0211**  An act amending Title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part VI, chapter 62 Code relating to noise pollution to augment its enforcement.

**BLOCK IV**

Bill No. **34-0207**  An Act repealing and re-enacting title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 41, section 843 relating to fraudulent claims upon the Government of the Virgin Islands, its officers, department, boards, commissions, or agencies.

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022**

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