MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022

CHAIR: SENATOR KURT A. VIALET
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY

Committee on Finance
Budget Hearing
9:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

The Committee on Finance will receive testimony on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

9:00 A.M.  Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center
Douglas Koch, Chief Executive Officer

12:00 P.M.  LUNCH

12:30 P.M.  Frederiksted Health Center, Inc.
Masserae Sprauve-Webster, Chief Executive Officer
WEDNESDAY,
JULY 13, 2022

The Committee on Finance will receive testimony on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

9:00 A.M.    Department of Tourism
             The Honorable Joseph Boschulte, Commissioner

12:00 P.M.    LUNCH

12:30 P.M.    Bureau of Internal Revenue
             Joel Lee CPA, CGMA, CFE, Director

2:00 P.M.    Virgin Islands Public Service Commission
             Donald G. Cole, Executive Director

THURSDAY,
JULY 14, 2022

Committee on Economic Development
and Agriculture
10:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room
The Committee on Economic Development & Agriculture will be meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room on St. Croix. This hearing is to receive testimony on the overall status of the Limetree Bay Refinery, its recent sale, and other activities taking place at and around the refinery site. The committee will also receive testimony on the Agricultural Plan, developed by the University of the Virgin Islands as per Act 8404. This hearing will be conducted in person; however, support may participate remotely.

**BLOCK I**

10:00 A.M.

The committee will hear testimony, not limited to, the overall status of the Limetree Bay Refinery, its recent sale, and other activities taking place at and around the refinery site.

**Invited Testifiers**

Gordon Shirley, WIPL Chairman, West Indies Petroleum
Jeffrey Charles, Chief Operating Officer, Limetree Bay Terminals
Wayne L. Biggs, Chief Executive Director, VIEDA
Karl Knight, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
The Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
The Honorable Richard Evangelista, Esq., Commissioner, DLCA
Nathan Simmonds, Director, Public Finance Authority
Joel Lee, CPA, CGMA, CFE, Director, Bureau of Internal Revenue
Zeno Bain, Community Contact, Environmental Protection Agency

**LUNCH**

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

**BLOCK II**

1:00 P.M.

The committee will hear testimony on the Agricultural Plan developed by the University of the Virgin Islands as per Act 8404, information regarding moving the plan forward through legislative action and other initiatives.

**Invited Testifiers**

Dr. David Hall, President, University of the Virgin Islands
The Honorable Anthony D. Thomas, Commissioner, Department of Property & Procurement
Kimme Bryce, Area Director, Christiansted USDA Service Center
Mark Carlton, District Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture
The Honorable Positive T.A. Nelson, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Agriculture
Rudy G. O’Reilly, District Director, St. Croix District Conservationist
Dale Brown, Owner, Sejah Farm of the Virgin Islands
Sommer Sibilly Browne, Owner, VI Good Food Co-Op
Luca Gasperi, Owner, Artfarm LLC
FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

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 Friday, July 15, 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 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
Victor Somme III, Acting Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education
Dr. Kyza Callwood, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education

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

BLOCK II 12:45 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

The committee will receive testimony regarding the status of the 2022-2023 reopening schools, specifically the school accountability report addressing the safety, health administration, maintenance, and overall operations of our schools, as outlined in the Virgin Islands Code as follows: Title 17, Section 24. School management accountability (a) The Board of Education shall: (1) in consultation with the Department of Education, conduct a thorough annual assessment and evaluation of all public school facilities, school guidance division, and school administration in the territory; (2) (A) in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, develop and adopt the standards and guidelines for conducting a comprehensive annual inspection, assessment and evaluation of all public school facilities, school administrations and school guidance divisions in the Territory; and (B) in consultation with the Department of Health-Environment Division, the Department of Labor (OSHA) and the Department of Planning and Natural Resources make the decision via certification prior to the commencing of every school year that all public schools inspected are environmentally safe and (3) utilize the services of the Departments of Planning and Natural Resources, Public Works, Health, Environmental Health Division, Occupational Health and Safety (OSHA), and Fire Services to carry out the provisions of this section.
Invited Testifiers
Victor Somme III, Acting Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education
Dr. Kyza Callwood, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education
The Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Health
The Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Labor
The Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Daryl George, Director, Virgin Islands Fire Services
The Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Public Works

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022

CHAIR: SENATOR KURT A. VIALET
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY

Committee on Finance
Budget Hearing
9:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Finance will receive testimony on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Executive Budget for the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

9:00 A.M. Department of Planning and Natural Resources
The Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner

Virgin Islands Council on the Arts
Tasida Kelch, Executive Director

Virgin Islands Historic Preservation Committee
David K. Hayes, Chairperson - STX
Pamela Montegut, Chairperson - STT/STJ

12:00 P.M. LUNCH

12:30 P.M. Office of Veterans Affairs
Patrick D. Farrell, Director

2:00 P.M. Office of the Adjutant General
Major General Kodjo S. Knox-Limbacker
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022

CHAIR: SENATOR KURT A. VIALET
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY

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9:00 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

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9:00 A.M. Department of Labor
           The Honorable Gary Molloy, Commissioner

12:00 P.M. LUNCH

12:30 P.M. Bureau of Information Technology
           Rupert O. Ross, Director

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022

PRESIDENT: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY
VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.

Regular Session
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022

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FRIDAY,
JULY 22, 2022

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