




SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.  
36<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
Chairman, Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance

## REVISED III

Memorandum No. 25-0014

**To:** Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Members  
The Honorable Marvin A. Blyden, **Vice-Chairman**  
The Honorable Dwayne M. DeGraff  
The Honorable Ray Fonseca  
The Honorable Hubert L. Frederick  
The Honorable Marise C. James  
The Honorable Kurt A. Violet

**From:** The Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.   
Chairman, Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance

**Date:** April 7, 2025

**Re:** April 15, 2025 Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Meeting

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### Block I

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, **12:00 P.M. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chamber on St. Thomas** to receive an update on the operational accomplishments and needs of the Virgin Islands Diabetes Center of Excellence

### Invited Testifier:

**Ms. Julia Sheen, DrPH, MPH**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Diabetes Center of Excellence

### Block II

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will receive testimony on the following lease agreement:

**Bill No. 36-0062** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for a portion of the telecommunications tower located on Parcel R-22 of Tract I Estate Nazareth, No. 1 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas *Sponsored by Senator Milton E. Potter By Request of the Governor*

### Invited Testifiers:

**Honorable Lisa Alejandro**, Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement  
**Mr. Vincent Richards**, Assistant Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement

### Block III

The Committee of Budget, Appropriations and Finance will 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 *Sponsored by Senator Milton E. Potter*

**Invited Testifiers:**

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

**Bill No. 36-0032** An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, chapter 111, section 3080 by limiting the salary amount used to compute the service retirement annuity for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands *Sponsored by Senator Kurt A. Violet*

**Invited Testifier:**

**Cindy L. Richardson**, Director, Division of Personnel

**Bill No. 36-0042** An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code subtitle 3, chapter 118, section 3411 to increase the maximum judgement amount for the award of damages against the Government of the Virgin Islands *Sponsored by Senator Alma Francis Heyliger*

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Troy deChabert-Schuster**, Director, AARP

**Dr. Mark Wenner**, Economist

**Dr. Gwen-Marie Moolenaar**, President, VI League of Women Voters