



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

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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

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 Testifier:

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 Testifier:

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

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 Testifier:

Dr. Felicita Richards, League of Women Voters