




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

REVISED I

Memorandum No. 26-008

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. Vialet

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

Date: April 14, 2026

Re: April 21, 2026 Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Meeting

Block I

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, **12:00 P.M. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix** to receive testimony on the following bills:

Bill No. 36-0122 An act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 711 and chapter 27, section 711 and chapter 28a, section 760, by requiring the Government Employees Retirement System to discontinue making disability retirement annuity payments to a member who resumes any employment *Sponsored by Senator Alma Francis Heyliger*

Invited Testifier:

Mr. Angel E. Dawson, Jr., Administrator/CEO, Government Employees Retirement System

Bill No. 36-0238 An act amending title 29, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23 to redirect hotel development net bond proceeds to the Government Employees' Retirement System of the Virgin Islands *Sponsored by Senator Avery L. Lewis*

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Angel E. Dawson, Jr., Administrator/CEO
Denise Rhymer, Esq., Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority
Mr. Kevin Williams, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

Block II

Bill No. 36-0257 An act transferring the eastern portion of Parcel No. 2C Estate Ross, 8 New Quarter, St. Thomas, from the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority to the Virgin Islands Department of Education for use by the Charlotte Amalie High School *Sponsored by Senator Avery L. Lewis*

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, EdD, Commissioner, VI Department of Education

Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement

Mrs. Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery

Mr. Eugene Jones, Executive Director, VI Housing Finance Authority

Bill No. 36-0275 An act approving the amended lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Hearts In Service Association, Inc., for the leasing of Parcel No. 175C Estate Anna's Retreat No. 1 New Quarter, St. Thomas for the purpose of providing eligible programs and services to homeless families, individuals, veterans, and at-risk youth and the operation of a soup kitchen and other related purposes *Sponsored by Senator Milton E. Milton E. Potter by Request of the Governor*

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement

Rev. Dr. Joseph McDonald Henry, President, Hearts In Service Association, Inc.

Ms. Beverly Stephens-Samuel, Executive Director, Hearts In Service Association, Inc.