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36<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
Chairman, Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance

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Memorandum No. 25-0044

**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 Novel E. Francis, Jr.   
Chairman, Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance

**Date:** August 1, 2025

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

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The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Friday, August 15, 2025, 9:00 A.M. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

**Block I**

9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

**Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center**

**Invited Testifier:**

**Darlene Baptiste**, Chief Executive Officer

**Block II**

1:00-3:00 P.M.

**Department of Agriculture**

**Invited Testifier:**

**Honorable Louis E. Petersen, Jr., PhD**, Commissioner

**Block III**

3:00-5:00 P.M.

**Public Employees Relations Board**

**Invited Testifier:**

**Pierina Jacobs-Feldman**, Chairperson

**Virgin Islands Labor Management Committee**

**Invited Testifier:**

**Yirah Tutein**, Executive Director

**Block VI**

5:00 P.M.

**Legal Services of the Virgin Islands**

**Invited Testifier:**

**Shelby King Gaddy, Esq.,** Executive Director