



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

Memorandum No. 26-037

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: July 24, 2026

Re: August 3, 2026 Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Meeting

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Monday, August 3, 2026, 10:00 A.M. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and bills.

BLOCK I
10:00 A.M.

University of the Virgin Islands
Invited Testifier:
Dr. Safiya George, President

BLOCK II
1:00 P.M.

VI Department of Tourism
Invited Testifier:
Jennifer Matarangas-King, Commissioner

BLOCK III
3:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0293 An act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and The St. Thomas Cricket Association Inc. for Parcel No-2 of Tract I Estate Nazareth, No. 1 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas consisting of 312,150.96 sq. ft. or 7.166 US acres more or less *Sponsored by Senator Milton E. Potter by Request of the Governor*

Invited Testifiers:
Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement
Mr. Doyle Jones, President, St. Thomas Cricket Association Inc.

Bill No. 36-0311 An act approving a multi-year lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and L.J. Auto Repairs LLC, for a portion of Parcel No. 22 Revised Submarine Base, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, consisting of 3,400 U.S. sq. ft. or 0.078 U.S. acre(s), more-or-less, of semi-improved land to operate a garage and auto repair shop *Sponsored by Senator Milton E. Potter by Request of the Governor*

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement
Ms. Maria Nenadich, President, L.J. Auto Repair, LLC

Bill No. 36-0331 An act approving the lease agreement modification extension between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Paradise Paws LLC, for Parcel No. 180-1 Submarine Base, No. 6 Southside 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. Paris Nicholson, IV, President, Paradise Paws VI, LLC