

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

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Memorandum No. 25-0019

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

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Date: May 19, 2025

Re: May 23, 2025 Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Meeting

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Friday, May 23, 2025, 12:00 P.M. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas to receive testimony on the following bills:

Block I

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. Vialet*

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, VI Department of Finance **Mr. Angel E. Dawson**, **Jr.**, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System **Ms. Cindy L. Richardson**, Director, Division of Personnel

Block II

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

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

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Bill No. 36-0089 An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and PEO Productions, LLC d/b/a WSTA Radio, for Parcel No. 121 Submarine Base, No. 6, Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Parcel No. 167 Sub Base, No. 6, Southside Quarter, St. Thomas and Parcel No. 171 Sub Base, No. 6, Southside Quarter, St. Thomas *Sponsored by Senator Milton E. Potter By Request of the Governor*

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Vincent Richards, Assistant Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement **Mr. Peter Ottley,** President, WSTA Radio

Bill No. 36-0092 An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and St. John Taxi Services Corporation, for Parcel No. D-2 Estate Cruz Bay Town, Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John, Virgin Islands *Sponsored by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr., By Request of the Governor*

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Vincent Richards, Assistant Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement **Sean L. Claxton,** President, St. John Taxi Services Corporation

Bill No. 36-0098 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 Caribbean Buzz, LLC for a portion of Remainder Parcel No. 3B Estate Susannaberg, 17A Cruz Bay Quarter, St. John, Virgin Islands for the purpose of operating and managing a helicopter transportation service at the existing helipad and for other permitted purposes *Sponsored by Senator Milton E. Potter By Request of the Governor*

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Vincent Richards, Assistant Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement **Ms. Charlotte Van Heurck,** Operations Manager, Caribbean Buzz, LLC