



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

**REVISED I**

**Memorandum No. 25-0057**

**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:** October 24, 2025

**Re:** November 4, 2025 Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Meeting

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The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 10:00 A.M. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas to receive testimony on the following bills:

**Block I**

**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:**

**Honorable Lisa M. Alejandro**, Commissioner, VI Department of Property and Procurement  
**Mr. Sean L. Claxton**, President, St. John Taxi Services Corporation  
**Ms. Carmen Wesselhoft**, Taxi Driver

**Bill No. 36-0045** An Act appropriating the sum of \$400,000 from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the implementation of technological upgrades *Sponsored by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Kevin G. McCurdy**, Commissioner, VI Department of Finance  
**Ms. Melissa Smith**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission  
**Mr. Rupert O. Ross**, Director, VI Bureau of Information Technology  
**Mr. Julio A. Rhymer, Sr.**, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
**Mr. Lawrence Ramdhansingh**, President, VI Taxi Association (STT)  
**Mr. Dhiony Lalanne**, President, St. Thomas Taxi Association  
**Mr. Charles Sealey**, President, St. Croix Taxicab Association  
**Mr. Sean L. Claxton**, President, St. John Taxi Association

**Block II**

**Bill No. 36-0196** An act appropriating excess debt service reserve funds for certain capital projects in the territory *Sponsored by Senator Milton E. Potter by Request of the Governor*

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Honorable Derek A. Gabriel**, Commissioner, VI Department of Public Works

**Mr. Carlton Dowe**, Executive Director, VI Port Authority

**Mr. Nathan Simmonds**, Director, Finance & Administration, VI Public Finance Authority