



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

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Memorandum No. 25-0057

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. Violet

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

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

Bill No. 36-0122 An act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, 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., CEO/Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System