



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

Memorandum No. 26-057

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 15, 2026

Re: October 20, 2026 Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Meeting

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 10:00 A.M. in the Fritz E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix to receive testimony on the following bills.

BLOCK I
10:00 A.M.

Bill No. 36-0357 An act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Lovango Islands Holding, LLP d/b/a The Lovango Resort and Beach Club for semi-improved Parcel No. 100-1 Estate Nazareth, No. 1 Red Hook 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
Mark Snider, Founder & Managing Director, Little Gem Resorts

Bill No. 36-0081 An act amending title 21 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 2, section 103, by increasing the compensation for nongovernment members of the Housing Finance Authority **Sponsored by Senator Ray Fonseca**

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Bill No. 36-0335 An act appropriating \$600,000 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources to provide the renaming funding necessary for the Frederiksted Fish Market Rehabilitation Market **Sponsored by Senator Hubert L. Frederick**

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner, VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources

Ms. Virginia Clairmont, Executive Director, Nature Association of the Virgin Islands

Bill No. 36-0195 An act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 2, chapter 87, section 2456, subsection (b) by increasing the maximum amount to be deposited into the Office of the Tax Assessor Revolving Fund from the collection of real property taxes **Sponsored by Senator Marise C. James**

Invited Testifier:

Nadja Harrigan, Esq., Chief of Staff, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

BLOCK II

1:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0302 An act appropriating \$1,000,000 from the Community Facilities Trust Fund to the Virgin Islands Diabetes Center of Excellence to finance the establishment of the Chronic Care Management Program in fiscal year 2026 **Sponsored by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

Invited Testifier:

Julia Sheen, DrPH, MPH, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Diabetes Center of Excellence