

# Legislature of the Virgin Islands



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The Honorable  
**Angel Bolques, Jr.**  
**Senator-At-Large**  
35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**CHAIRMAN**  
Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, & Parks

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Committee on Economic Development & Agriculture

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Committee on Rules & Judiciary  
Committee on Homeland Security, Justice & Public Safety  
Committee on Housing, Transportation, & Telecommunication  
Subcommittee on Energy & Infrastructure Development

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** OBJ **Members of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks**

The Honorable Marvin A. Blyden, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Samuel Carrion  
The Honorable Alma Francis Heyliger  
The Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.  
The Honorable Franklin D. Johnson  
The Honorable Milton E. Potter

**FROM:** Angel L. Bolques, Jr. *Angel Bolques Jr.*  
Chairman, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

**DATE:** **August 14, 2023**

**RE:** **AGENDA | Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports and Parks**  
**Hearing—Friday, August 25, 2023, at 10:00 AM**

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The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks has scheduled a hearing for **Friday, August 25, 2023, 10:00 AM** at the **Fritz E. Lawaetz Legislative Chambers on St. Croix** to receive testimony and updates regarding the status of horse racing in the territory. Bills 35-0073 & 35-0083 will also be presented to the Committee for consideration.

**BLOCK I:** **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

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The committee will be receiving updates on the status of horse racing in the territory. This update will include, but not be limited to facilities construction, funding allocations, projected timelines, achievements, challenges, potential opportunities, and prevailing needs.

### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Calvert White  
Commissioner, VI Sports, Parks, and Recreation

Robert E. Huckabee, III  
President and CEO, Southland Gaming

Shaine Gaspard  
Executive Vice President, Southland Gaming

Elroy Bates, Jr.  
President, Flamboyant Park Horsemen Association

Hugo Hogde, Jr.  
Chairman, USVI Horseracing Commission

Jason Williams  
General Manager, Racing Operations, VIGL Operations, LLC

Andrew Dubuque  
CFO/Managing Partner, VIGL Operations, LLC

Clinton Hedrington  
President, St. Thomas Horsemen Association

**BLOCK II:** **1:00PM-3:00PM**

The committee will be receiving testimony on following bills, presented for consideration by the Honorable Senator Samuel Carrion.

*35-0073 An Act amending title 32 of the Virgin Islands Code to establish powers and duties for the horse racing commissions for each district and relating to antidoping of race horses to provide for regulation by district and joint horse racing commissions*

*35-0083 An Act amending title 32 of the Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, subchapter I, section 201 to establish separate horse racing commissions for each district*

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Betty Wilson  
Former Member, USVI Horseracing Commission

Jay Watson  
Former Member, USVI Horseracing Commission