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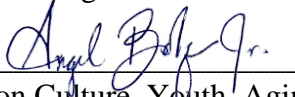
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COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: **The Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**
President, 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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Executive Director, 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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Chief Legal Counsel, 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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

DATE: September 3, 2024

RE: **AGENDA | Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports & Parks**
Hearing– August 30, 2024, at 10 AM

Pursuant to the 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands Rule 605, the attached Committee Report is submitted for the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports & Parks hearing held on August 30, 2024, at 10 AM at the Fritz E. Lawaetz Legislative Hall on the island of St. Croix. The following represents all members, staff, and testifiers in attendance, as well as the status of all agenda items.

Legislative Attendance

Committee Members & Attendance:

The Honorable Angel Bolques, Jr., **Chairman - Present**
The Honorable Marvin A. Blyden, **Vice-Chairman - Present**
The Honorable Samuel Carrion - Present
The Honorable Alma Francis Heyliger - Present
The Honorable Novelle Francis Jr - Present
The Honorable Franklin D. Johnson - Present
The Honorable Milton E. Potter - Present

Non-Committee Members in Attendance:

The Honorable Ray Fonseca – Present

Stenographers:

Nataya Melchoir-Munoz
Tricia D. Sealey

Security:

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Sherleen Francis
David Johnson

Sergeant of Arms:

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Protocol Officer:

Myrna Pickard

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Legal Counsel:

Augustin Ayala
Cynthia Moore

Clerk:

Ana Castillo
Denisian Hodge

Timekeeper:

Denisian Hodge
Ana Castillo

Advisor to Committee Hearing:

Marcellino Ventura

Staff of Senator Angel Bolques, Jr.

Denisian Hodge, Ana Castillo

The Committee Hearing was called to order by Chairman Angel L. Bolques, Jr. at 10:00 am and convened to receive testimony on the following:

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks hearing on Friday, August 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix. The hearing was convened to receive testimony and updates regarding the operations and services provided by the Department of Human Services, Lutheran Social Services, St. Croix Foundation for Community Development (KIDS COUNT DATA BOOK), and the Paradise48 Film Festival.

At the outset of the hearing, the Committee, led by Senator Bolques Jr., moved to issue a subpoena to VIGL Operations LLC. This decision followed numerous attempts by the Committee to engage VIGL Operations LLC, in hearings, which were met with no clear response as to why they could not attend the requested hearings.

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports & Parks was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Roll call on Motion [Subpoena to VIGL]:

Members	Yes	No
Senator Marvin A. Blyden	X	
Senator Samuel Carrion	X	
Senator Alma Francis-Heyliger	X	
Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.	X	
Senator Franklin D. Johnson		X
Senator Milton E. Potter	X	
Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.	X	