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The Honorable Senator

JAVAN E. JAMES
★ ★ ★ ★ 35TH LEGISLATURE

Chairperson: Economic Development & Agriculture
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Committee on Budget Appropriations and Finance
Committee on Homeland Security, Justice & Public
Safety
Committee on Education and Workforce

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE AGENDA WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.

The Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture will convene a meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on the island of St. Thomas. The Committee will receive a status update from the Office of Cannabis Regulations (OCR), the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, and the Virgin Islands Port Authority.

BLOCK I - 10:00 a.m.

The Committee will receive an update on the overall status of the USVI Office of Cannabis Regulations to include the following below:

- Implementation of Act 8680
- Status update on the necessary personnel to carry out the duties of the Office of Cannabis Regulations
- Discussion on the licensing procedures for the cannabis industry

INVITED TESTIFIER:

The Honorable Richard Evangelista
Commissioner DLCA

Ms. Hannah Carty
Executive Director
Virgin Islands Cannabis Advisory Board

Dr. Catherine Kean,
Chairwoman of the Cannabis Advisory Board
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RECESS – 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

BLOCK II – 1:30 p.m.

The Committee will receive an update on the overall status of the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism operations to include but not limited to the following listed below:

- Update on the utilization of the funds to market St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John
- Update on the upcoming 2023 St. Thomas Carnival
- Report for the 2019-2020 and 2022-2023 Crucian Christmas Festivals
- Report for the 2019 and 2022 St. Thomas Carnivals
- Goals to promote Sports Tourism in the Virgin Islands
- Update on the partnership with the Uber Soca Cruise
- Goals for the upcoming Sea trade Conference

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INVITED TESTIFIER:

The Honorable Joseph B. Boschulte
Commissioner,
United States Virgin Islands Department of Tourism

BLOCK III – 4:00 p.m.

The Committee will receive an update from the Virgin Islands Port Authority on the overall status to include but not limited to the following listed below:

- Status update on the P3 project for the airports
- Update on all capital projects for VIPA
- Goals for the upcoming Sea trade Conference
- Update on the contract for Seaborne Airlines and goals for improving inter-island travel

INVITED TESTIFIER:

The Honorable Carlton Dowe
Executive Director
Virgin Islands Port Authority

Cc: All Senators
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All Employees