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Committee on Education and Workforce Development


Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning

Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications

REVISED II

Memorandum: 23-013

TO: Members of the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs
and Consumer Protection
The Hon. Javan E. James, Sr., Vice-Chair
The Hon. Samuel Carrion
The Hon. Ray Fonseca
The Hon. Alma Francis Heyliger
The Hon. Kenneth L. Gittens
The Hon. Milton E. Potter

FROM: Carla J. Joseph 
Chair
Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs & Consumer Protection

DATE: April 24, 2023

RE: **Agenda-Comm. on GOVACP meeting- Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall in St. Thomas.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive and consider the following legislative measures:

- Bill No. [35-0016](#) – A Resolution honoring and commending the Board of Elections; the Supervisor of Elections, Caroline Fawkes, and the entire Virgin Islands Election System team for their tireless service and contributions to the Virgin Islands community and on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of the Election System of the Virgin Islands. This bill is sponsored by Senators Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Carla J. Joseph, Ray Fonseca, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., and Marise C. James,
- Bill No. [35-0027](#) – An Act honoring and commending Mr. Myron Corbett posthumously for his many contributions to the youth of the Territory; renaming the

basketball court located in Anna’s Retreat, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands as “ The Myron Corbett Basketball Court”; making an appropriation to erect signage at the basketball court; and for other related purposes. This bill is sponsored by Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory, and

- Bill No. [35-0062](#) - A Resolution honoring and commending Gregory Hodge, b.k.a. DJ Avalanche for his outstanding contributions as a disk jockey, radio talk show host, and entertainer and presenting to him the Official Key to the Virgin Islands. This bill is sponsored by Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

Then, the Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Islands Lottery.

BLOCK I

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0016 – A Resolution honoring and commending the Board of Elections; the Supervisor of Elections, Caroline Fawkes, and the entire Virgin Islands Election System team for their tireless service and contributions to the Virgin Islands community and on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of the Election System of the Virgin Islands. This bill is sponsored by Senators Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Carla J. Joseph, Ray Fonseca, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., and Marise C. James

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Claudette Georges, *Former Board Member*
Virgin Islands Board of Elections

Ms. Lorna Thomas, *Former Board Member*
Virgin Islands Board of Elections

Ms. Alecia M. Wells, *Chair*
Virgin Islands Board of Elections

Keith Richards, *Former Board Member*
Virgin Islands Board of Elections

BLOCK II

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0027 – An Act honoring and commending Mr. Myron Corbett posthumously for his many contributions to the youth of the Territory; renaming the basketball court located in Anna’s Retreat, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands as “ The Myron Corbett Basketball Court”; making an appropriation to erect signage at the basketball court; and for other related purposes. This bill is sponsored by Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Shayla Solomon
Resident

Mr. Kaylen Gregory
Resident

Mr. Omari Peterkin
Resident

BLOCK III**1:00 PM –2:30PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0062 - A Resolution honoring and commending Gregory Hodge, b.k.a. DJ Avalanche for his outstanding contributions as a disk jockey, radio talk show host, and entertainer and presenting to him the Official Key to the Virgin Islands. This bill is sponsored by Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Ian Turnbull, *Director*
Divisions of Festivals

Mr. Rikky Baynes, *Operations Manager*
Smiths Ferry

Mr. Gregory Hodge
DJ Avalanche

LUNCH**2:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

BLOCK IV**3:00 PM –5:00PM**

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Islands Lottery including but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, current department challenges, and plan of action to resolve challenges.

Invited Testifier:

Mr. Raymond Williams, *Executive Director*
Virgin Islands Lottery

CC: All Senators
All Chiefs of Staff
All Divisions
Public Affairs
Media