



# Legislature Of The Virgin Islands

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Committee on Education and Workforce Development

Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning

Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications

## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

### AGENDA

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 18, 2023 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

#### **BLOCK I - 10:00 AM - 11:30AM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0116 – A Resolution honoring and commending Lieutenant Colonel Leayle Gerard Galiber for his leadership in the Virgin Islands National Guard and his dedication to his country and to the people of the Virgin Islands This bill is sponsored by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**LTC Dante P. Galiber, MD, FACC.**  
Retired

**The Honorable Gregory Francis,**  
Former Lt. Governor of the Virgin Islands

**LTC Beresford Edwards,**  
Retired

#### **BLOCK II - 11:30 AM –2:00 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0058 – An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, by adding a chapter 25 to enact The Public-Private Partnership Agreement Act. This bill is sponsored by Senator Marise C. James.

#### **Invited Testifiers**

**Honorable Derek A. Gabriel, Commissioner**  
Department of Public Works

**Mr. Carlton Dowe, Executive Director**  
V.I. Port Authority

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**Mr. Wayne Biggs, CEO**  
V.I. Economic Development Authority

**Mr. John Wessel, President**  
GEC, LLC

**Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner**  
V.I. Department of Property and Procurement

**Mr. Rodger Merritt, Executive Director**  
V.I. Waste Management Authority

**Mr. Andrew Smith, CEO/Executive**  
V.I. Water and Power Authority

**Mr. Robert Graham, Executive Director**  
V.I. Housing Authority

**Ms. Dayna Clendinen, Interim Executive Director**  
V.I. Housing Finance Authority

**Mr. Clifford Graham, Partner**  
Jackson Development Company, LLC

**Mr. Robert Jackson, Managing Partner**  
Jackson Development Company, LLC

**Mr. Eric Cusin, Vice-president**  
J. Benton Construction, LLC

**Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Ph.D., Commissioner**  
Department of Education

**Mrs. Jennifer Matarangas-King, Vice President of Public Relations, and Governmental Affairs**  
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### **LUNCH - 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

### **BLOCK III - 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

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

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Vernice Gumbs, Executive Director**  
Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

**Ms. Loretta Lloyd, Chairwoman**  
Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Board

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All Chiefs of Staff  
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