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Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning

Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications

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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

Major General Kodjo S. Knox-Limbacker, Adjutant General
V.I. National Guard

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

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 Director*
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 IV- 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

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