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Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning

Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications

Memorandum: 23-003

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, and Consumer Protection

DATE: February 21, 2023

RE: **Agenda-Comm. on GOVACP meeting- Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

The Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas.**

The purpose of the meeting is to receive and consider the following legislative measures:

- Bill No. 35-0006 - An Act honoring and commending former Senator George E. Goodwin for his many years of expansive contributions to the Virgin Islands community as a whole, through his roles in various areas of service to the territory as well as advocacy for social justice for underserved people in the Virgin Islands; to rename the Cricket Field located on Parcel H of Tract 1, Estate Nazareth, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands in his honor; and to award former Senator George E. Goodwin the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor; and for other related purposes. This bill is sponsored by Senator Carla J. Joseph.
- Bill No. 35-0009 – An Act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, section 171(a) relating to the observance of national holidays and enacting The Juneteenth National Independence Day Act to declare June 19 a legal holiday in the Virgin Islands. This bill is sponsored by Sen. Marvin A. Blyden and co-sponsored by Sens. Angel L. Bolques, Jr. and Ray Fonseca.

- Bill No. 35-0011 - An Act honoring and commending former Senator Horace A. Callwood, Sr. posthumously for his dedication, service, and commitment to the people of the Virgin Islands and naming the north-south street immediately east of Windward Passage in his memory. This bill is sponsored by Sens. Marvin A. Blyden, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., and Carla J. Joseph.
- Bill No. 35-0007 - A Resolution honoring and commending Mr. Boyd “Boyzie” Orlando Todman for his many contributions to the people and the youth of the Virgin Islands. This bill is sponsored by Sens. Dwayne M. DeGraff and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Then, the Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Island Taxicab Commission and the Department of Property and Procurement.

BLOCK I

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0006, An Act honoring and commending former Senator George E. Goodwin for his many years of expansive contributions to the Virgin Islands community as a whole, through his roles in various areas of service to the territory as well as advocacy for social justice for underserved people in the Virgin Islands; to rename the Cricket Field located on Parcel H of Tract 1, Estate Nazareth, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands in his honor; and to award former Senator George E. Goodwin the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor; and for other related purposes. This bill is sponsored by Senator Carla J. Joseph.

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Donna Christiansen
Former Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress

The Honorable Tregenza Roach, Esq.
Lt. Gov. of the U.S.V.I.

The Honorable Roosevelt St. C. David
Former Senator

Mr. Anthony Greene, *Chairman*
East End Democratic Club

Mr. Doyle Jones, *President*
St. Thomas Cricket Association

Mr. St. Clair Goodwin
Resident

Mr. Gregory Goodwin
Resident

Mr. Calvert Gibson
Resident

Mr. Alton Grant
Resident

Rev. Dr. Bentley Thomas, *Pastor*
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

BLOCK II**10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

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Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Myron D. Jackson
Former Senator

Ms. Cindy Richardson, *Director*
Division of Personnel

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Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Stedmann Hodge, Jr.
Fmr. Sen. & State Chair of the Democratic Party of the V.I.

Ms. Chaneel Callwood-Daniels
Resident

Mr. James O'Bryan, Jr., *Former State Chair*
Democratic Party of the Virgin Islands

Mr. Eduardo Carneiro, *Chair*
Horace Callwood Breakfast Club

BLOCK III**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0007, A Resolution honoring and commending Mr. Boyd "Boyzie" Orlanzo Todman for his many contributions to the people and the youth of the Virgin Islands. This bill is sponsored by Sens. Dwayne M. DeGraff. and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Invited Testifier s:

The Honorable Allison Petrus, *Former Senator*
Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Mr. Orville Isaac
Resident

Mr. Boyd "Boyzie" Orlanzo Todman
Resident

Mr. Terrence Lake
Resident

Mr. Arthur Solomon
Resident

Mr. Jaime Francis
Resident

LUNCH**1:30 PM - 2:00 PM**

BLOCK IV**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

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

Invited Testifiers:

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

Loretta Lloyd, *Chair*
Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

BLOCK IV**3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Department of Property and Procurement to include but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, current agency challenges and plan of action to resolve challenges.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Lisa Alejandro, *Acting Commissioner*
Department of Property and Procurement

CC: All Senators
All Chiefs of Staff
All Divisions