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Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning

Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

REVISED I AGENDA

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room in St. Croix.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

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

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0029 – An Act honoring and commending Donna Marie Christian-Christiansen M.D., for her tireless contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands in the medical field and representation in the United States Congress. This bill is sponsored by Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Angel L. Bolques, Jr, Franklin D. Johnson, and **co-sponsored by Senator Carla J. Joseph.**

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Justa Encarnacion, *Commissioner*
Virgin Islands Department of Health

Mr. Basil Ottley, *Director of Policy*
U.S. Department of Interior

The Honorable James O’Bryan, Jr.
Former Senator

Mrs. Renee McAlpin-Petersen, *STX District Chair*
Virgin Islands Democratic Party

Mrs. Monique Clendinen Watson
Resident

Dr. Mavis Matthew
Resident

BLOCK II - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0041 – An Act awarding the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor posthumously to former Senator Edgar Milton Iles for his commendable public service and contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands. This bill is sponsored by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens and **co-sponsored by Senator Carla J. Joseph.**

Invited Testifiers:

The Honorable Iver Stridiron
Former Senator

The Honorable Lilliana Belardo De O’Neal
Former Senator

Invited Testifiers Contd:

Mrs. Juanita Iles Richards
Resident

Mr. Ray Iles
Resident

LUNCH - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**BLOCK III - 2:00 PM –3:30PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0100- A Resolution honoring and commending Music in Motion School of Higher Dance Education and its founder, Charlita Schuster, on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Music in Motion Dance Academy. This bill is sponsored by Senator Samuel Carrion.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Emmanuella Perez Cassius
Resident

Dr. ChenziRa Davis Kahina
Resident

Afrilasia Joseph-Phipps
Resident

BLOCK IV - 3:30 PM –5:00PM

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0101- A Resolution honoring and commending Dr. Olaf “Bronco” Hendricks for his tireless years of remarkable and invaluable contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands in the field of psychiatry, his advocacy for social justice for individuals with behavioral health and substance use issues, and for his music. This bill is sponsored by Senator Franklin Johnson and **co-sponsored by Senator Carla J. Joseph.**

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Kai A. Hendricks
Resident

Ms. Bodil Simmonds
Resident

The Honorable Dr. Donna Christian-Christensen, M.D.
Former Delegate to Congress

Dr. Stanley Jacobs
Resident

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