



# Legislature Of The Virgin Islands

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Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning

Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications

## REVISED I

### 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 Tuesday, November 21, 2023 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.** 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. 35-0084 – An Act amending title 11, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, section 1213 to allow businesses operating under a trade name to have the option of renewing the trade name every 2, 6, or 10 years intervals. This bill is sponsored by Senator Alma Francis Heyliger

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Monica Williams Carbon, Esq.,** *Chief of Staff*  
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**Mr. John Woods,** *President*  
St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce

**Ms. Denise Johannes,** *Director*  
Corporations and Trademarks  
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0109 – Act honoring and commending the late Corporal Kendall Emanuel George posthumously for his service as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and for making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve democracy and to keep America and his Virgin Islands homeland safe; naming Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay, St. John “Kendall Emanuel George Drive” South and appropriating \$10,000 to the Department of Public Works for signage at Kendall Emanuel George Drive; and for other related purposes. This bill is sponsored by Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Patrick Farrell**, *Director*  
Virgin Islands Veterans Affairs

**Mr. Harry Daniel**, *Commander*  
American Legion Post 131

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

**Mr. Henry A. Powell**  
Sibling

**Ms. Geneva Paris**  
Sibling

**Mrs. Barbara Dalmida-Thompson**  
Cousin

**Mr. Alvin Christian, Sr.**  
Cousin

**LUNCH - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM****BLOCK III - 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0186 – An Act repealing and reenacting title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 274 “Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission,” and enacting in its place “The Division of Transportation and Taxicab Services”; amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 37, subchapters I & II relative to the regulation of automobiles for hire and automobile for hire medallion; amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 39 section 433(b) directing the Commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs to review fees, charges, and tariffs every three years; amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3067 to substitute the name, “The Division of Transportation and Taxicab Services”; and providing for the transition of the employees, equipment, and supplies to the newly created entity, and for other related purposes. This bill is sponsored by Senators Donna A. Frett-Gregory, Milton E. Potter, Diane T. Capehart, Javan James, Sr., Marise C. James, Carla J. Joseph, and **Angel L. Bolques, Jr.**

**Invited Testifiers**

**Ms. H. Nathalie Hodge**, *Commissioner Nominee*  
Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

**Mr. Kevin McCurdy**, *Commissioner Nominee*  
Department of Finance

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

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

**Mr. Mervin Smith**, *President*  
East End Taxicab Association

**Mr. Francis Arthur**, *President*  
St. Croix Taxicab Association

**Mr. Kelly George**, *Owner*  
Kellie’s Taxi Services

**Ms. Annie Fortuna**, *Owner*  
Annie’s Taxi Services

**Mr. Shawn Claxton**, *President*  
St. John Taxi Services

**Mr. Willis Pinney**, *President*  
AAA Taxi and Tours

CC: All Senators  
All Chiefs of Staff  
All Divisions  
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