



# Legislature Of The Virgin Islands

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35TH LEGISLATURE OF  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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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

### AGENDA

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 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 - 12:30 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 Testifier:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Mr. Jerome Boschulte**, *President*  
Custom Builders

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

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

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

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

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**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 - 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM**

**BLOCK II - 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0102 - An Act honoring and commending Ralph A. deChabert, M.D. for outstanding contributions in the medical field to the people of the Virgin Islands and his many civic contributions to the community, especially to the island of St. Croix and to name the Labor and Delivery/Post Partum Unit “Maternity Services” at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center North in his honor. This bill is sponsored by Senator Marise C. James.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Cora Christian, MD**  
Resident

**Ms. Ivy Ashwood, RN**  
Resident

**Vivian Ebbesen-Fludd, MS, RN**  
Resident and Former Commissioner of Health

**Mr. Angelo K. Galiber, MD**  
Resident

**BLOCK II - 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0125 - An Act honoring and commending the late Police Lieutenant Melbourne Clarke posthumously for his dedication, service, and contributions to the Virgin Islands community in law enforcement by adding the name, “Police Lieutenant Melbourne Clarke Drive”, at Route 669 on the island of St. Croix. This bill is sponsored by Senator Kenneth L. Gittens.

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Uston Cornelius, Deputy Police Chief**  
V.I. Police Department

**Mr. Ray Clarke**  
Resident

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