



# Legislature Of The Virgin Islands

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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs,  
and Consumer Protection

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Committee on Rules and Judiciary

Committee on Education and Workforce Development

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 Monday, May 20, 2024 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. 35-0236– An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code adding a new chapter 33A to enact the “21<sup>st</sup> Century Integrated Digital Experience Act (IDEA)” to improve governmental agency digital services, and for other purposes. This bill is sponsored by Senators Carrion Samuel and Carla J. Joseph.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Rupert O. Ross**, *Director*  
Virgin Islands Bureau of Information Technology

**Mr. Angus Drigo**, *Executive Director*  
Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands

**Mr. Julien Henley**, *ADA Coordinator*  
Government of the Virgin Islands

**Mr. Stephan Adams**, *CEO/President*  
Virgin Islands Next Generation Network

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

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0230– An Act repealing section 11 of Act No. 6570, as amended, and amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code related to the inspection and licensing of automobiles for hire. This bill is sponsored by Senators Dwayne M. DeGraff and Marvin A. Blyden.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Mrs. Barbara Jackson McIntosh**, *Director*  
Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles

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

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

**Mr. Dihony LaLanne, *President***  
St. Thomas Taxi Services

**Mr. Kerry Harrigan, *President***  
Best Taxi Services

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

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

**Mr. Lawrence Ramdhansingh, *President***  
Virgin Islands Taxi Association

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

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

**Mrs. Elizabeth Hansen Watley, *Interim Chair***  
Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Board

### **LUNCH - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

### **BLOCK III – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0193– An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 relating to real estate brokers, sales associates, and property managers. This bill is sponsored by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Ms. Laurent Alfred, Esq., *Chair***  
Virgin Islands Real Estate Commission

**Mr. Dan Savaro, *President***  
Virgin Islands Territorial Association of Realtors

**Ms. Ava Gail Bourdon, *President-Principal Broker***  
RE/MAX St. Croix

**Mr. Carl Gotts, *Vice-President***  
Vacation St. Croix

**Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge, *Commissioner***  
Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

**Ms. B.J. Harris, *Vice-Chair***  
V.I. Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Real Estate Commission

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