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The Honorable
Marvin A. Blyden
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Committee Report—Committee on Housing, Transportation, & Telecommunications

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications convened on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 9:53 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas to receive updates from government agencies, non-profit organizations and private sector stakeholders relative to homelessness, affordable housing, the residential housing market, and the newly established V.I. Slice Program.

Legislative Attendance

Committee Members Present	Non-Committee Members Present
Senator Marvin Blyden, Chair	Senator Diane T. Capehart
Senator Marise James, Vice Chair	Senator Alma Francis Heyliger
Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.	Senator Novelle E. Francis
Senator Samuel Carrion	Senator Donna Frett-Gregory
Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff	Senator Kenneth. L. Gittens
Senator Ray Fonseca	
Senator Carla Joseph	

Invited Testifiers

The Honorable Kim Causey-Gomez Commissioner Department of Human Services	Mr. Martin Lauzze President Virgin Islands Territorial Association of Realtors
Attorney Richard Bourne-Vanneck Board Chairman Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands	Ms. Kimme Bryce Area Director, Area VII US Virgin Islands U.S. Department of Agriculture
Ms. Andrea Shillingford Executive Director Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands	Mr. Wayne L. Biggs Chief Executive Officer Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority
Ms. Erma Chase Derima, Executive Director Methodist Training and Outreach Center, Inc	Mr. Robert A. Graham Executive Director Virgin Islands Housing Authority

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Ms. Glendina Matthew, Esq. Acting Director Division of Banks, Insurance & Financial Regulation Office of the Lt. Governor	Ms. Dayna M. Clendinen Interim Executive Director Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority
Mr. James Crites President Virgin Islands Bankers' Association	

The following individuals presented testimony:

- The Honorable Kim Causey-Gomez, Commissioner, Department of Human Services
- Attorney Richard Bourne-Vanneck, Board Chairman, Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands
- Mr. Wayne L. Biggs, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority
- Mr. Robert A. Graham, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority

The following individual submitted correspondence in absentia:

- Mr. James Crites, President, Virgin Islands Bankers' Association

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications recessed at 5:26 p.m., and Chairman Blyden announced that the committee would reconvene at 5:30 p.m. on March 9, 2023, to hear testimony from the entities who were unable to appear on February 27th.

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications arose from recess at 5:30 p.m. on March 9, 2023, in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room in the Legislative Complex at Golden Rock, St. Croix and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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Senator Marise James, Vice Chair	Senator Novelle E. Francis
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Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff	
Senator Ray Fonseca	
Senator Carla Joseph	

Invited Testifiers

Ms. Erma Chase Executive Director Meeting The Needs Of the Community, Inc (MTOC)	Ms. Dayna M. Clendinen Interim Executive Director Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority
Ms. Glendina Matthew, Esq. Acting Director Division of Banking, Insurance & Financial Regulation Office of the Lt. Governor	

The following individuals presented testimonies:

- Ms. Glendina Matthew, Esq., Acting Director, Office of the Lt. Governor, Division of Banking, Insurance and Financial Regulation
- Ms. Dayna M. Clendinen, Interim Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

The following individual submitted correspondence in absentia:

- Ms. Erma Chase, Executive Director, MTOC

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Chief-of-Staff