



# LEGISLATURE OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

35<sup>th</sup> Legislature, THE HONORABLE SENATOR DIANE T. CAPEHART

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Subcommittee on Health and Public Safety

**TO:** All Members, Committee on Rules and Judiciary  
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Honorable Kenneth L. Gittens  
Honorable Marise C. James  
Honorable Franklin D. Johnson  
Honorable Carla J. Joseph

**FROM:** The Honorable Senator Diane T. Capehart   
Chair, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

**DATE:** September 19, 2023

**RE:** Committee on Rules and Judiciary Meeting— Thursday, September 28, 2023

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for **Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 9:30 AM** in the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands** to consider Nominations and Bills.

## **BLOCK I**

**9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

- **Sandra L. Setorie**, Executive Director Appointee  
Virgin Islands Public Service Commission
- **Laura Nichols-Samms**, Board Member Nominee,  
Virgin Islands Public Service Commission – St. John District

## **BLOCK II**

**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Bill No. 35-0014** - An Act posthumously honoring and commending Wayne “Facts Man” Adams for articulating and bringing events of historic significance to the people of the Virgin Islands, by naming the bridge at the Nadir intersection on the island of St. Thomas the “Wayne ‘Facts Man’ Adams Bridge. *Sponsored By: Senators Alma Francis-Heyliger and Marvin A. Blyden; Co-Sponsored By: Senator Ray Fonseca*

**Bill No. 35-0074** - An Act honoring and commending former Senator Almando “Rocky” Liburd for his lifetime of service to the people of the Virgin Islands especially St. John and renaming the North Shore Road on St. John “The Almando “Rocky” Liburd Highway.” *Sponsored By: Senators Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Marvin A. Blyden, Carla J. Joseph and Alma Francis Heyliger; Co-Sponsored By: Senator Ray Fonseca*

**Bill No. 35-0067** - An Act approving and the Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Inter Island Auto Group, LLC d/b/a VIP Quick Lube for Improved Parcel No. 70 Submarine Base, No. 6A Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to be used as a new and used car dealership, repair shop, importer of goods, retail shops, store, and for other related purposes. *Sponsored By: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.*

**Bill No. 35-0104** - An Act approving the Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Roncan, Inc. d/b/a Sandcastle on the Beach to lease Plot No. 128-B Two Brothers, Smithfield, and Hesselberg, West End Quarter and Plot No. 129 Two Brothers, Smithfield, and Hesselberg, West End Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands. *Sponsored By: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.*

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

**Bill No. 35-0032** - An Act repealing and reenacting title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 2, relating to government employees' eligibility for elected office, to allow government employees to run for political office while actively employed, unless specifically prohibited by federal or other laws. *Sponsored By: Senator Marise C. James*

**Invited Testifiers:**

- **Caroline Fawkes, Supervisor of Elections**  
Virgin Islands Election System
- **Cindy Richardson, Director**  
Division of Personnel
- **Joss Springette, Esq., Chief Negotiator**  
Office of Collective Bargaining
- **Steadman Hodge, Jr.**  
Democratic State Chairman

**BLOCK V****3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Bill No. 35-0121** - An Act amending Virgin Islands Code, title 4, chapter 29, section 482 and title 5, subtitle I, part V, chapter 61, section 660 increasing jury and witness fees and allowances, respectively. *Sponsored By: Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr., and Diane T. Capehart.*

**Invited Testifiers:**

- **Dwyer Arce, Esq., President**  
Virgin Islands Bar Association
- **Regina Petersen, Administrator**  
Judiciary of the Virgin Islands
- **Julie Smith Todman, Interim Chief Public Defender**  
Office of the Territorial Public Defender
- **Ariel Smith, Esq., Attorney General**  
Virgin Islands Department of Justice



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