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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

The Honorable Carla Joseph, Vice Chair

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FROM: Senator At Large Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Chairman, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

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DATE: August 21, 2026

RE: AGENDA | Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

HEARING: Friday, September 18, 2026, at 10:00 AM, Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks will convene a legislative hearing on Friday, September 18, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix. The hearing will provide the Committee with a comprehensive update on the operations, programs, facilities, priorities, and ongoing initiatives of the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation (DSPR). The Committee will also continue its oversight of the long-awaited Paul E. Joseph Stadium Project, with particular attention to the project's current status, construction progress, outstanding challenges, fiscal and administrative matters, and the actions necessary to advance the project toward completion.

BLOCK I:

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

"A Comprehensive Review of the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation"

During this Block, the Committee will receive testimony from the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation regarding the overall status and operations of the Department. The testimony will provide the Committee with a comprehensive assessment of DSPR's current programs, services, recreational facilities, capital projects, staffing and administrative capacity, and initiatives serving residents throughout the Territory.

The discussion will also examine the Department's progress in maintaining and improving parks, recreational facilities, athletic programs, and community-based services, while identifying operational challenges and areas requiring additional legislative or administrative attention. The Commissioner will be afforded an opportunity to outline DSPR's present priorities, accomplishments, outstanding needs, and plans for strengthening the

Department's ability to provide accessible, safe, and effective recreational opportunities and facilities for residents of all ages.

This Block is intended to provide the Committee with a clear understanding of the Department's overall condition and direction, while supporting continued legislative oversight of its programs, facilities, resources, and responsibilities to the people of the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Hon. Vincent Roberts, Commissioner: Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation (DSPR)

LUNCH

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

BLOCK II:

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

"Progress and Accountability: Moving the Paul E. Joseph Stadium Project Toward Completion"

During this Block, the Committee will receive testimony and review the current status of the long-awaited Paul E. Joseph Stadium Project on St. Croix, with an emphasis on progress made since the Committee's previous hearing and on efforts to complete and operationalize the facility.

Testimony will address construction progress, completed and outstanding work, project expenditures and available funding, contractual obligations, change orders, permitting and regulatory matters, interagency coordination, and any unresolved issues affecting completion. The Committee will also seek updated project milestones and a clear timeline for completion and operational use.

This Block is intended to provide the Committee and the public with a transparent assessment of the project's current status and a clear path toward its responsible and timely completion.

Invited Testifiers:

Hon. Vincent Roberts, Commissioner: Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation (DSPR)

Hon. Julio A. Rhymer, Sr., Director: Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

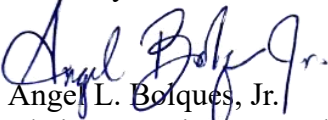
Hon. Lisa M. Alejandro, Commissioner: Department of Property and Procurement (DPP)

Rueben Jennings, Acting Commissioner: Department of Public Works (DPW)

Adrienne L. Williams-Octalien, Director: USVI Office of Disaster Recovery (ODR)

Mr. John Wessel, Owner & Managing Member: GEC, LLC/Coastal Systems USVI

Sincerely,



Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Chair, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

Senator At Large, 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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