



Following is the testimony of John R. Wessel, Managing Member of GEC, LLC

For the Sports, Parks, and Recreation Hearing regarding Paul E. Joseph Stadium

September 18, 2026

Good day Senators and other dignitaries,

I have been asked to provide testimony on the following items:

1. Work completed since your last appearance before the Committee
 - a. All materials to finish the PEJ Stadium Building have been ordered including, but not limited to,
 - i. Light fixtures
 - ii. Plumbing fixtures
 - iii. Toilet partitions
 - iv. Rubber flooring for locker rooms
 - v. Lockers
 - vi. Benches for locker rooms
 - vii. Bath accessories
 - viii. Electrical wire for the site, service entrance, and building
 - ix. Cashier's window
 - x. Interior doors
 - xi. Security gates and railings
 - xii. Bleachers with backs for PEJ Stadium
 - xiii. Concession rollup doors
 - xiv. Exhaust fans and ventilation accessories
 - xv. PEJ outfield fence
 - xvi. PEJ bullpen fencing
 - xvii. Perimeter fencing for the entire site
 - xviii. Standby Generator for the entire site
 - xix. Service entrance transformer
 - xx. Automatic Transfer switch
 - b. All of these items are in progress for installation except xviii – xx which are long lead items expected in mid-third quarter this year.
 - c. Playing field lighting for PEJ Stadium was completed and lights were turned on for the July 4th celebration in Frederiksted.
 - d. Entry sign was completed.
 - e. Rough grading was completed
 - f. Staking out of infield was completed



2. Work that remains outstanding
 - a. Final grading to match CLOMR – in progress
 - b. Interior finishes utilizing materials listed above
 - c. Concrete stairways on north and south end of PEJ Stadium
 - d. Other work as shown on most recent Pay Estimates
3. Any issues or circumstances affecting completion
 - a. As a result of the April hearing, DPW Commissioner Derek Gabriel initiated accelerated pay estimate procedures.
 - b. That acceleration allowed purchasing, receipt of, and installation of the materials listed at point 1.
 - c. Newly appointed Acting Commissioner Rueben Jennings has made great strides in fine tuning that process which will allow addition of manpower and locally procured materials as needed.
4. Actions being taken to address outstanding matters – See point 3 above
5. An updated construction schedule – Now that the payment issues are working well, Steve Menzer (DPW newly appointed Construction Manager) and I are meeting on Monday, September 21, to finalize a completion schedule.
6. Projected dates for substantial completion, final completion, and turnover of the facility for operational use
See response to number 5 above

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John R. Wessel', written over the printed name.

John R. Wessel