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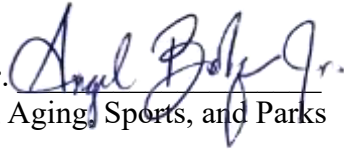
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks
The Honorable Carla Joseph, Vice Chair
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The Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
The Honorable Franklin D. Johnson
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FROM: Senator At Large Angel L. Bolques, Jr. 
Chairman, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

DATE: Friday, September 19, 2025

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

HEARING: Friday, September 19, 2025, at 10:00 AM, Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, USVI

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks will convene a legislative hearing to examine the operational oversight, progress, and challenges of recreational facilities and capital improvement projects of the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation across the Virgin Islands. The hearing will also include a legislative review of Bill No. 36-0099 addressing elder abuse response systems and a special policy discussion regarding CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) certification for the Virgin Islands' aging and senior care facilities.

BLOCK I: **10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation – Territorial Operations Review

The Committee will receive a comprehensive report from the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation, presented by Commissioner Vincent Roberts, detailing the current state of operations, progress, and challenges across all territorial sites. The testimony will include updates on capital improvement projects, program implementation, staffing and resource needs, budget utilization, and projected timelines.

Invited Testifiers:

- Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation - Commissioner, Vincent Roberts

LUNCH **12:30 PM - 1:00 PM**

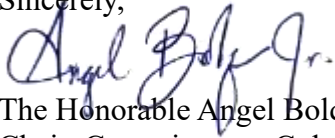
Bill No. 36-0099 – Elder Abuse Response Reform

The Committee will conduct a legislative hearing on Bill No. 36-0099, which proposes amendments to Title 34, Chapter 15 of the Virgin Islands Code to improve the territory's responsiveness to elder abuse cases. The bill mandates the creation of an Elder Anti-Abuse Multidisciplinary Team within the Department of Human Services and requires collaboration with the Department of Justice to facilitate protective order requests through the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

- **Department of Human Services - Commissioner, Averil George**
- **Department of Justice - Attorney General of the Virgin Islands, Gordon Rhea, Esq.**
- **AARP Virgin Islands - State Director, Troy De Chabert-Schuster**

Sincerely,



The Honorable Angel Bolques, Jr.
Chair, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, and Parks
Senator At Large, 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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