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## Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure & Planning

Thursday, January 29, 2026

12:00 PM

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room  
St. Croix, USVI

### AGENDA

#### BLOCK I:

12:00PM—1:30PM

**Bill No. 36-0206** *“An act requiring the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority to expand the potable water distribution system, perform necessary upgrades to the existing potable water distribution system, and install fire hydrants in Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas.”*

**Proposed by Senator Avery L. Lewis**

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Karl Knight**, Executive Director and CEO, VI Water and Power Authority

**Noel Hodge**, Chief Engineer, Capital Projects Group, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority

**Antonio Stevens**, Director, Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services

#### BLOCK II:

1:30PM — 5:00PM

The Committee will receive testimony from relevant stakeholders regarding: **“Heirs Property, Prolonged Probate, and Vacant & Abandoned Historic Properties in the U.S. Virgin Islands”** to examine the legal, administrative, and systemic barriers contributing to prolonged probate and unresolved heirs property, particularly where such delays result in vacant, abandoned, and deteriorating historic properties, and to identify coordinated solutions to return these properties to productive use.

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

**Jessica C. Tully, Esq.**, Owner and Managing Attorney, Tully Law, PLLC

**Karabo Molyneaux-Molloy, Esq.**, Owner and Managing Attorney, Karabo Molyneaux Molloy Law Firm, PLLC

**Lance George**, Director of Research and Information, Housing Assistance Council

**Regina deChabert Petersen**, Administrator of Courts, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands

**Nadja Harrigan, Esq.**, Acting Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**Sean L. Krigger**, Director, State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Planning and Natural Resources

**Honorable Lisa Alejandro**, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement

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**Virginia Clairmont, Principal, Occasio Consulting**

**Frandelle Gerard**, Executive Director, Crucian Heritage & Nature Tourism

**Wayne Biggs**, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority

**Deanna James**, President, St. Croix Foundation for Community Development

**Shomari Moorehead**, President, Our Town Frederiksted, Inc.

**Mary Dema**, President, Virgin Islands Architecture Center for Built Heritage and Crafts

**Robert Schuster**, Resident, St. Croix