

THE HONORABLE SENATOR AVERY L. LEWIS

Legislative Secretary

36TH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



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AGENDA

TO: All Members, Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection

MEMBERS: Senator Ray Fonseca
Senator Alma Francis Heyliger
Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
Senator Kenneth L. Gittens
Senator Franklin D. Johnson
Senator Carla J. Joseph

FROM: The Honorable Senator Avery L. Lewis 116
36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

DATE: January 15, 2026

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Friday, January 23, 2026, at 9:00 AM** in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to provide updates on the following agency and consideration of the following bills:

BLOCK I: 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Elections System of the Virgin Islands including but not limited to enabling laws, current department challenges, a plan of action to resolve challenges and the following:

- All matters relative to the discussion on the status, functions, and operations of the agency.

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Ms. Caroline F. Fawkes, Supervisor of Elections
- Ms. Carol Burke, Chairwoman of Democratic Party
- Mr. Raymond J. Williams, Chairman, Board of Elections
- Mr. John Yob, Chairman of Republican Party

BLOCK II: 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0187: An act amending title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23, section 622 requiring the Board of Elections to count by hand votes deposited in a ballot box *Proposed by Senator Franklin D. Johnson*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Raymond J. Williams, Chairman, Board of Elections
- Ms. Caroline F. Fawkes, Supervisor of Elections
- Ms. Mary Moorhead, Community Activist

BLOCK III: 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0197: An act amending title 30 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, subchapter II regarding the compensation of non-government members of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Governing Board and establishing a lower quorum requirement for the board and committees *Proposed by Senator Milton E. Potter*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Maurice Muia, Chairman, VI Water & Power Authority Board of Directors

Bill No. 36-0011: An act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, section 715(a) by changing the process through which active members of the Government Employees Retirement System become members of the Board *Proposed by Senator Milton E. Potter*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Dwane Callwood, Sr., Chairman, Board of Trustees, VI Government Employees Retirement System

BLOCK IV: 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0220: An act honoring and commending former Senator Lorraine L. Berry posthumously for her decades of outstanding public service by renaming Hull Bay Road located in North Side, St. Thomas, the “Lorraine L. Berry Drive” *Proposed by Senator Avery L. Lewis and Sponsored by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Winston Ledee, Brother
- Ms. Celeste Brin, Sister
- Ms. Crystal Bryan, Niece
- Mr. Cain Magras, Former Senator
- Mr. Roosevelt David, Former Senator

cc: All Senators
All Chiefs of Staff
All Divisions
Public Affairs