

THE HONORABLE SENATOR AVERY L. LEWIS

Legislative Secretary

36TH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



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Committee on Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety

Committee of the Whole

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: June 5, 2025

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, June 23, 2025, at 9:30 AM** in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to provide updates on the following agencies:

BLOCK I: 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Office of Veterans Affairs including but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, its current challenges, a plan of action to resolve challenges and the following:

- Outcome of the efforts of the recent delegation's travels to Puerto Rico;
- Effects of President Donald Trump's Executive Orders on our territory; and
- Other pertinent information as it pertains to our veterans.

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Patrick Farrell, Director, Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs

BLOCK II: 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0090: An act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11 by adding section 200m to declare the week beginning the Monday before the first Friday in June as the Virgin Islands Gun Violence Awareness Week. *Proposed by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Antonio Emanuel, Director, Office of Gun Violence Prevention
- The Honorable Mario M. Brooks, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department

Bill No. 36-0097: A resolution commending the National Conference of State Legislatures (“NCSL”) on its 50th anniversary and recognizing the NCSL for its commitment to the legislative institution. *Proposed by Senator Milton Potter*

BLOCK III: 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0012: An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27 to streamline the GERS disability annuity approval procedures and for other related issues. *Proposed by Senator Milton Potter*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Angel E. Dawson, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System
- Mr. Dwane Callwood, Board Chairman, Government Employees Retirement System

Bill No. 36-0066: An Act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 by adding a section 928a providing that all officials and employees of the Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority and its wholly owned subsidiaries must be members of the Government Employees
Proposed by Alma Francis Heyliger

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Angel E. Dawson, Administrator, Government Employees Retirement System
- Mr. Dwane Callwood, Board Chairman, Government Employees Retirement System
- The Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, VI Public Finance Authority
- Mr. Nathan Simmonds, Director of Finance & Administration, Public Finance Authority
- Mr. Stephan Adams, President & Chief Executive Officer, ViNGN

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