

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: March 16, 2026

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

BLOCK I: 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Bill No. 36-0232: An act amending Act No. 8018 to authorize the disposal of green waste using controlled incineration technologies, including air curtain incinerators, and for other purposes
Proposed by Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr. and sponsored by Senator Avery L. Lewis

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Antonio Stevens, Director, VI Fire & Emergency Medical Services
- Mr. Hannibal “Mike” Ware, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
- Mr. Gregory Guannel, PhD, Director, Caribbean Green Technology Center

- Mr. Daryl D. Jaschen, Director, Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency
- Mr. Jean Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
- Ms. Dawn Henry, CEO Virgin Islands Environmental Association (VIEA) & Interim CEO for Island Green Living Association

Bill No. 36-0233: An act amending title 32 Virgin Islands Code chapter 13 relating to the establishment and operation of the Virgin Islands Lottery *Proposed by Senator Avery L. Lewis*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Julio Rhymer Sr., Director, Office of Management & Budget
- Mr. Kevin G. McCurdy, Commissioner, Department of Finance
- Mr. Raymond J. Williams, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Lottery

BLOCK II: 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0009: A Resolution honoring and commending Mr. Steven van Beverhoudt for his years of dedicated service and numerous contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands *Proposed by Senator Milton E. Potter*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Ms. Marsha DuBois, Lead Auditor, Office of the Virgin Islands Inspector General
- Ms. Delia Thomas, Virgin Islands Inspector General, Office of the Virgin Islands Inspector General
- Mrs. Bernice Turnbull, Former Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Finance

LUNCH BREAK: 12:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M.

BLOCK III: 12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0113: An act amending title 8 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 4 to assess liability on businesses that serve intoxicating beverages to patrons that have overconsumed the beverages *Proposed by Senator Carla J. Joseph*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Hon. H. Nathalie Hodge, Commissioner, Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs
- Hon. Gordon C. Rhea, Esq., Attorney General, Department of Justice
- Mr. Hugo Hodge Jr., Owner, Zanzi Bar
- Mr. Nathan Mirocha, Esq.
- Mr. Kareem Todman, Esq.

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BLOCK IV: 2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0115: An act amending title 27, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, subchapter I, section 304 authorizing the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs to physically close a business when it finds that the business is causing a nuisance, presents a threat to safety or is disturbing the peace *Proposed by Senator Carla J. Joseph*

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- Hon. Mario M. Brooks, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department
- Mr. Hugo Hodge Jr., Owner, Zanzi Bar
- Ms. Rashida Francis
- Mr. Micheal Creque

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