

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: November 5, 2025

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Friday, November 14, 2025, at 9:00 AM** in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to provide testimony on the following bills:

BLOCK I: 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Bill No. 36-0052: An Act amending title 29, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, section 502, regarding advertising devices on private property *Proposed by Senator Carla J. Joseph*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Marcus Christian, Resident
- Mr. Roger B. Minkoff, Realtor
- Mr. Russell Pate, Esq., President, VI Bar Association
- Hon. Derek A. Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

BLOCK II: 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0102: An act amending title 31 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 23 by re-enacting section 236b requiring the use of construction materials manufactured in the Virgin Islands, to the greatest extent practicable, for locally or federally funded contracts with the Government of the Virgin Islands *Proposed by Senators Marvin A. Blyden, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., and Avery L. Lewis. Co-Sponsored by Senator Ray Fonseca*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mrs. Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement
- Mr. Derek A. Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
- Dr. Haldane Davies, Director, Virgin Islands Bureau of Economic Research (BER)
- Mr. Donald Stevens, Partner, Cat5 Builders, LLC
- Mr. Eric Castro, Owner, Universal Concrete
- Ms. Yvette Williams, Manager of Accounting, Heavy Materials
- Mr. Dion Alibocas, General Manager, Masters Concrete VI
- Mr. Eugene Jones, Executive Director, V.I. Housing Finance Authority

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

BLOCK III: 1:30 P.M. – 3:00 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. Delia Thomas, VI Inspector General, Office of the VI Inspector General
- Mrs. Bernice Turnbull, Retired Commissioner of The Department of Finance

BLOCK IV: 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Bill No. 36-0149: A resolution honoring and commending Janeisha John for her outstanding achievements, pioneering spirit, and significant contributions to the fields of entertainment, modeling, and television production, celebrating her role as a cultural ambassador, trailblazer, and inspirational leader of the Virgin Islands *Proposed by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Ms. Jo'liza John (Younger Sister / Official DJ)
- Ms. Trinity Austrie (Best Friend / Environmental Engineer, CEO Tysam Tech, LLC)
- Mr. Jamal Drummond (Friend / Former Coach, Designer & Stylist)
- Ms. Aria Garcia (Designer / Stylist, House of Arega)
- Mr. Anil Bruce (Mentor / Former Executive Producer at WTJX, Rediscover St. Croix / Emmy Award Winning TV Producer)
- Dr. Elle Nielsen (Friend / Professor of Dance, UVI)
- Dr. Valrica Bryson, Ph.D. (Mentor / Former High School Band Teacher)
- Mr. Shamari Haynes (Associate/ Deputy Commissioner of Tourism)

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- Mr. and Mrs. Griselle & Ben Mitchell (Mentors / Owners, former C-9 Modeling Agency)
- Mr. Shomari Moorhead (Friend/Entrepreneur / Community Leader)
- Mr. Renaldo Stevens aka Emcee Bogle (Associate /V.I. Emcee)
- Ms. Janella John (Older Sister)
- Ms. Claire Roker (Pageant Mentor)
- Mr. Dennis Liburd, Jr. aka Pumpa (Associate / International Soca Artist)

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