



# Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**HONORABLE CLIFFORD A. JOSEPH, SR.**

**Chair, Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety**



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Member, Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure and Planning  
Member, Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture  
Member, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

## COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety will meet on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

### OFFICIAL AGENDA

#### **BLOCK I: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Bill No. 36-0020** – *An Act amending title 2 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 6 allowing the Police Chief of the Legislature; the Sergeant-of-Arms; or any security officer of the Legislature; who has peace officer status, to arrest a person who neglects or refuses to appear before the Legislature in obedience to subpoena. (Sponsored by: Senator Marvin A. Blyden)*

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Mario Brooks  
Commissioner  
Virgin Islands Police Department

Mr. Terrence D. Manning  
Capitol Police Chief  
Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands

#### **BLOCK II: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Bill No. 36-0027** – *An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part I, chapter 311 by enacting Jah'niqua's Law requiring a defendant to pay restitution in the form of child maintenance if the victim of the offense was the parent or guardian of a minor child or dependent and if the defendant was convicted of negligent homicide by means of a motor vehicle, a violation of title 20 Virgin Islands Code, section 504, while under the influence of or affected by intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs; or was convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquors or controlled substances, a violation of title 20 Virgin Islands Code, section 493, which results in an accident that causes the victim to become disabled or totally and permanently disabled. (Sponsored by: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens)*



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*Honorable Mario Brooks  
Commissioner  
Virgin Islands Police Department*

*Honorable Gordon Rhea  
V.I. Attorney General  
Virgin Islands Department of Justice*

*Mr. Frank Harris  
Director of Governmental Affairs  
Mothers Against Drunk Driving*

**LUNCH BREAK 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**BLOCK III: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

***Bill No. 36–0057*** – *An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 314, section 3733, subsection (a) to require automatic expungement of the arrest record and complaint or information when the accused has been acquitted. (Sponsored by: Senator Alma Francis Heyliger)*

***Invited Testifiers:***

*Honorable Mario M. Brooks  
Commissioner  
V.I. Police Department*

*Honorable Gordon Rhea, Esq.  
V.I. Attorney General  
V.I. Department of Justice*

*Ms. Julie Smith Todman, Esq.  
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**Bill No. 36-0024** – *An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 85 by adding section 1710 declaring a person incapable of consent to sexual relations while the person is in police custody. (Sponsored by: Senator Ray Fonseca)*

***Invited Testifiers:***

*Honorable Mario M. Brooks  
Commissioner  
V.I. Police Department*

*Honorable Gordon Rhea, Esq.  
V.I. Attorney General  
V.I. Department of Justice*

*Ms. Julie Smith Todman, Esq.  
Chief Public Defender  
V.I. Office of the Public Defender*

*Ms. Anya Stuart  
Executive Director  
Family Resource Center, Inc.*

**BLOCK IV: 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

**Bill No. 36-0031** – *An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, subchapter IV, section 1073 to exempt a public safety agency or private safety entity from liability for acts of negligence in the operation, administration or maintenance of a 911 service unless the acts are committed in a grossly negligent manner or are committed with willful intent. (Sponsored by: Senator Alma Francis Heyliger)*

***Invited Testifiers:***

*Honorable Gordon Rhea, Esq.  
V.I. Attorney General  
V.I. Department of Justice*

*Mr. Daryl Jaschen  
Director  
V.I. Territorial Management Agency*

cc: All Senators  
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