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## **AGENDA**

### **Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications**

Wednesday, May 14, 2025  
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers  
St. Thomas, VI

#### **9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER**

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Reading of the Agenda**

#### **BLOCK I**

*Update and discussion on the current status of infrastructure projects and future development plans, with an emphasis on the strategic use of federal broadband funding. Topics include challenges in coordinating between telecommunications providers and government agencies—particularly around permitting, access to utility poles, conduits, and related infrastructure. Additional issues include inter-provider challenges, such as the portability of telephone numbers.*

*For public sector organizations, the discussion will address the status of efforts around interoperability, cybersecurity, and the management and upkeep of government websites and digital portals used for conducting official business and communicating with the public.*

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## **INVITED TESTIFIERS**

- Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
- Ravindra Maywahlall, General Manager, Liberty, USVI
- Karl Knight, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority
- Attorney Ileana Canellas, Managing Corporate Counsel, T-Mobile, Puerto Rico
- Stephan Adams, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network
- Siobhan James-Alexander, Chief Executive Officer, Viya
- Julio Rhymer, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Rupert Ross, Director, Bureau of Information Technology

## **LUNCH**

## **BLOCK II**

*Discussion on **Bill #36-0022** - An Act amending title 28 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 31, subchapter I, section 752 relating to notice for the termination of month-to-month residential tenancies and adding section 752 (b) requiring fair notice for rent increases for residential tenancies.*

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## **INVITED TESTIFIERS**

- Dwayne Alexander, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority
- Troy Schuster, State Director, AAPR, American Association of Retired Persons – VI
- Dan Derima, Executive Director, Meeting the Needs of the Community, Inc.
- Dr. Suzanne Darrow-Magras, Board Secretary, VI Continuum of Care
- Andrea Shillingford, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands