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AGENDA

Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications

Wednesday, July 9, 2025
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers
St. Thomas, VI

9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Reading of the Agenda

BLOCK I

Testimonies will address issues related to the residential housing market from the perspective of the various Housing, Banking & Insurance invitees. The committee will engage in a discussion of various topics impacting homeownership in the Virgin Islands, including, but not limited to, construction costs, zoning and building code requirements, local and federal government policies and programs, the cost and availability of financing, the cost and accessibility of insurance, the attainability of labor, and the availability and reliability of contractors.

INVITED TESTIFIERS

- Eugene Jones, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority
- David Bennett, Chief Executive Officer, VI Territorial Association of Realtors
- Ada Rivera, Acting Area Director, USDA Rural Development Virgin Islands
- James Crites, Chairman, Virgin Islands Bankers Association
- Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery
- Wayne Biggs, Chief Executive Officer, Economic Development Authority
- Sandra Harty, President, Virgin Islands Insurance Association
- John Woods, Chairman, Board of Architects, Engineering and Land Surveyors
- Honorable Tregenza Roach, Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands
- Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources

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BLOCK II – *Continuation of Block I*