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Committee Report

Committee on Housing, Transportation, & Telecommunications

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications convened on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 10:04 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas to receive testimony regarding VIHA Operations, Challenges, and Opportunities. As well as Homeownership and Housing Development Programs.

The Committee received testimony on the Virgin Islands Housing Authority's operations, challenges, and opportunities. Areas of focus included agency updates on operations and maintenance issues, the Housing Choice Voucher Program, and progress in community rehabilitation. Testimony also addressed the Williams Delight sale and related funding assistance, as well as the impact of federal-level policy changes on VIHA's funding and overall operations.

The Committee also heard testimony on the status of homeownership and housing development programs. These included updates on funding and the progress of current initiatives, the availability and utilization of funds for affordable housing, and the effects of federal policy changes on funding streams, operations, and programs.

Legislative Attendance

Committee Members Present	Non-Committee Members Present
Senator Marvin A. Blyden, Chair	Senator Angel L. Bolques. Jr.
Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.	
Senator Ray Fonseca	
Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff	
Senator Marise C. James	
Senator Carla Joseph	
Senator Kurt A. Vialet	

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Invited Testifiers

Dwayne Alexander, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority	Eugene Jones, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority
Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Executive Director, Office of Disaster Recovery	Wayne Biggs, Chief Executive Office, VI Economic Development
Glendina Matthews, Esq, Director, Division of Banks, Insurance & Financial Regulation	

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

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