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## AGENDA

### Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications

Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
Fritz E. Lawaetz Legislative  
Conference Room  
St. Croix, VI

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

#### Roll Call

#### Reading of the Agenda

#### BLOCK I

**Bill No. 36-0109:** *An act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111 to establish the Inspection and Safety on Public Highways Fund; amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 39, section 435 relating to the collection of fees, amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 41, section 461 relating to equipment and inspection of vehicle requirements, and title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 38, section 416 relating to motor vehicle restrictions for the car rental industry. Proposed by: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.*

#### INVITED TESTIFIERS

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- The Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, Department of Finance
- The Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources
- The Honorable Mario M. Brooks, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department
- Ms. Barbara McIntosh, Director, Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles

## **BLOCK II - 11:00 AM**

**Bill No. 36-0074:** *An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part I by adding a chapter 3 establishing the “Virgin Islands Roadside Property Maintenance and Vegetation Act” to require property owners to maintain roadside vegetation, prevent obstruction of public roads and utility lines, provide for enforcement, penalties, and exceptions, and for other related purposes.*

***Proposed by: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens and Senator Avery L. Lewis***

## **INVITED TESTIFIERS**

- The Honorable Tregenza A. Roach, Esq, Lt. Governor of the V.I.,
- The Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
- The Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources
- Mr. Karl Knight, Executive Director & CEO, Water & Power Authority
- Mr. Hannibal “Mike” Ware, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority
- Dr. Gregory Guannel, Director, Caribbean Green Technology Center
- Mr. Stephan Adams, Chief Executive Officer, V.I. Next Generation Network
- Ms. Siobhan James-Alexander, Chief Executive Officer, One Communications
- Mr. Clay Jones, Principal/Arborist, Heritage Tree Care, LLC.
- Ms. Ileann Canellas Correa, Esq, Country Manager, T-Mobile PR/VI
- Mr. Ravindra Maywahlall, Country Manager, Liberty USVI

**LUNCH - 1:30PM**

**BLOCK III - 2:00 PM**

*The Committee will convene to receive its annual update on telecommunications issues from providers, regulators, infrastructure owners, and policymakers, with a focus on evaluating system resilience, redundancy, and continuity of service. This discussion will inform legislative efforts to strengthen infrastructure planning, disaster preparedness, and public safety communications, while also assessing technical standards and the deployment of emerging technologies in the Virgin Islands. Testimony will be critical in examining internet connectivity, digital access, and telecommunications systems supporting public education, including challenges affecting equity and reliability. Additionally, input from service providers will help the Committee better understand industry conditions, service delivery challenges, planned investments, and the status of broadband grant participation, compliance, and oversight.*

**INVITED TESTIFIERS**

- The Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Department of Education
- The Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
- The Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources
- Mr. Julio Rhymer, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Mr. Karl Knight, Executive Director & CEO, V.I. Water & Power Authority
- Mr. Rupert Ross, Director, Bureau of Information Technology
- Mr. Stephan Adams, Chief Executive Officer, V.I. Next Generation Network
- Dr. Gregory Guannel, Director, Caribbean Green Technology Center
- Mr. Dwayne Alexander, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority
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