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Memorandum: 26-013

TO: Mrs. Kurell A. Sheridan, JD
Executive Director
36th Legislature of the V.I.

FROM: The Honorable Carla J. Joseph 
Chair
Committee on Rules and Judiciary

DATE: May 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Committee Report for Rules and Judiciary Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Please find attached the report for the Committee on Rules and Judiciary meeting held on Tuesday, May 26th, 2026, Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

CC: All Senators
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RULES AND JUDICIARY
May 26, 2026 COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary held its meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 12:00 noon in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas. The Committee considered the following Bills:

- **Bill No. 36-0114** – An act honoring and commending Dilsa Capdeville for her many contributions to the Virgin Islands community through her roles in various areas of social services and advocacy for abused women and children and to rename the Bolongo Bay Head Start Facility the “Dilsa Capdeville Head Start Facility” in her honor **Proposed by Senator Carla J. Joseph, Sponsored by Senators Milton E. Potter, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Avery L. Lewis, Franklin D. Johnson, and Novelle E. Francis, Jr., and Co-sponsored by Senator Ray Fonseca.**
- **Bill No. 36-0191** – An act honoring and commending Detective Delberth Phipps, Jr., posthumously for his service with the Virgin Islands Police Department and to the Virgin Islands community, by renaming the portion of Hospital Gade where it intersects with Veterans Drive, at the Alexander Farrelly Criminal Justice Complex, to the beginning of the Maude Proudfoot Drive, the “Detective Delberth Phipps, Jr., Memorial Street” **Proposed by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Sponsored by Senators Avery L. Lewis and Franklin D. Johnson, and Co-sponsored by Senator Ray Fonseca.**
- **Bill No. 36-0133** – An act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111(a)(1) providing mental health education and instruction **Proposed by Senator Milton E. Potter.**
- **Bill No. 36-0248** – An act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code by enacting the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Act **Proposed by Senator Avery L. Lewis, Sponsored by Senator Marise C. James, and Co-sponsored by Senators Hubert L. Frederick and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.**

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Sen. Carla J. Joseph at 12:41 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Sen. Carla J. Joseph, Chair
 Sen. Kenneth L. Gittens, Vice Chair
 Sen. Alma Francis Heyliger
 Sen. Avery L. Lewis
 Sen. Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.
 Sen. Milton E. Potter
 Sen. Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

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Ms. Shania Nieves

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Ms. Sharline Rogers, Esq.

In block one of the Agenda, the Committee considered **Bill Nos. 36-0114, 36-0191, 36-0133, and 36-0248.** Senators proceeded with one (1) round of two (2) minutes of debate time.

Bill Number	Short Title	Amendment	Motion	Vote
36-0114	An act honoring and commending Dilsa Capdeville for her many contributions to the Virgin Islands community through her roles in various areas of social services and advocacy for abused women and children and to rename the Bolongo Bay Head Start Facility the “Dilsa Capdeville Head Start Facility” in her honor Proposed by Senator Carla J. Joseph, Sponsored by Senators Milton E. Potter, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Avery L. Lewis, Franklin D. Johnson, and Novelle E. Francis, Jr., and Co-sponsored by Senator Ray Fonseca.		Senator Milton Potter motioned that Bill No. 36-0114 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action. The motion was seconded by Senator Avery Lewis.	7 yeas

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36-0191	An act honoring and commending Detective Delberth Phipps, Jr., posthumously for his service with the Virgin Islands Police Department and to the Virgin Islands community, by renaming the portion of Hospital Gade where it intersects with Veterans Drive, at the Alexander Farrelly Criminal Justice Complex, to the beginning of the Maude Proudfoot Drive, the “Detective Delberth Phipps, Jr., Memorial Street” Proposed by Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Sponsored by Senators Avery L. Lewis and Franklin D. Johnson, and Co-sponsored by Senator Ray Fonseca.	Senator Kenneth Gittens offered Amendment No. 36-812 , which was seconded by Senators Avery Lewis, Milton Potter, and Alma Francis Heyliger, the motion was carried.	Senator Angel Bolques motioned that Bill No. 36-0191 as amended , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action. The motion was seconded by Senators Avery Lewis, Milton Potter, and Kenneth Gittens.	7 yeas
36-0133	An act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111(a)(1) providing mental health education and instruction Proposed by Senator Milton E. Potter.		Senator Milton Potter motioned that Bill No. 36-0133 , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action. The motion was seconded by Senator Avery Lewis	7 yeas
36-0248	An act amending title 29 Virgin Islands Code by enacting the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Act Proposed by Senator Avery L. Lewis, Sponsored by Senator Marise C. James, and Co-sponsored by Senators Hubert L.	Senator Avery Lewis offered Amendment No. 36-808 , which was seconded by Senators Milton Potter and Kenneth Gittens, the	Senator Avery Lewis motioned that Bill No. 36-0248 as amended , be favorably voted upon in the Committee on Rules and Judiciary and forwarded to the full body for further consideration and action. The motion was seconded by Senators Milton Potter and Kenneth Gittens.	6 yeas 1 not voting

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	Frederick and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.	motion was carried.		
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The Chair, Sen. Carla J. Joseph, adjourned the Committee on Rules and Judiciary meeting at 1:43 p.m.