

## **33rd Legislature's Majority Caucus finalized; press conference scheduled for Thursday at 2 p.m.**

**Date :** June 6, 2019

ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – After a day-long Committee of the Whole hearing regarding matters concerning our Territory's hospitals, Majority Leader, Senator Marvin A. Blyden special ordered a measure to the Floor that finalized the reorganization of the 33rd Legislature's Majority Caucus. The resolution was voted on favorably with nine senators in support of the measure and will be sent to Governor Albert Bryan, Jr. for his acknowledgment.

This resolution, Bill No.33-0089, solidified the election of officers, amended and reestablished standing committees, and elected chairs, vice-chairs and members of the standing committees.

"I am happy that we have been able to work collaboratively and truly finalize the makeup of the 33rd Legislature," said Majority Leader Blyden. "Today's bill was basically a housekeeping measure to firm up the committee chairs and members, and to formally amend our rules to reflect the changes in the committee structure. We will continue to move forward in the best interest of the people of the Territory."

The Majority Caucus will now include Senators Alicia V. Barnes, Marvin A. Blyden, Allison L. DeGazon, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Myron D. Jackson, Javan E. James, Sr., Steven D. Payne, Sr., Janelle K. Sarauw, and Kurt A. Viallet.

Veteran Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr. has

been chosen to sit at the helm of the 33rd Legislature as President with the most senior senator, Senator Myron D. Jackson, selected as Vice-President. Senators Alicia V. Barnes and Marvin A. Blyden will continue to serve as the Body's Secretary and Majority Leader, respectively.

The Majority Caucus will host a news conference at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 6 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas to provide information to the public regarding the reorganization.

**The officers of the  
33rd Legislature are as follows:**

Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr. is elected President.

Senator Myron D. Jackson is elected Vice-President.

Senator Alicia V. Barnes is elected Secretary.

Senator Marvin A. Blyden is elected Majority Leader.

Senator Myron D. Jackson is elected Secretary for Intergovernmental and Territorial Affairs.

Senator Allison L. DeGazon is  
elected Liaison to the United States Congress.

Senator Alicia V. Barnes is elected Liaison  
to the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

Senator Janelle K. Sarauw is  
elected Liaison to the White House.

**The  
33rd Legislature's standing committee chairs are as follows:**

**Committee on Rules  
and Judiciary**

Chair: Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

Vice-Chair: Senator Novelle E. Francis,  
Jr.

**Committee on  
Finance**

Chair: Senator Kurt A. Vialet

Vice Chair: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

**Committee on  
Government Operations, Consumer Affairs, Energy, Environment, and Planning**

Chair: Senator Alicia V. Barnes

Vice-Chair: Senator Myron D. Jackson

**Committee on  
Education and Workforce Development**

Chair: Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

Vice-Chair: Senator Kurt  
A. Violet

**Committee on  
Health, Hospitals and Human Services**

Chair: Senator Oakland Benta

Vice Chair: Senator Janelle

K. Sarauw

**Committee on Youth,  
Sports, Parks and Recreation**

Chair: Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

Vice-Chair: Senator Steven D. Payne,  
Sr.

**Committee on  
Economic Development, Regulations and Agriculture**

Chair: Senator Allison  
L. DeGazon

Vice Chair:  
Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas

**Committee on  
Homeland Security, Justice, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs**

Chair: Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

Vice-Chair: Senator  
Oakland Benta

**Committee on  
Housing, Transportation, Infrastructure and Telecommunications**

Chair: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

Vice-Chair: Senator Alicia V. Barnes

**Committee on  
Culture, Historic Preservation, and Aging**

Chair: Senator Myron D. Jackson

Vice-Chair: Senator Javan E. James,  
Sr.

**Committee of the  
Whole**

Consists of ALL  
Members of the 33rd Legislature

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