

35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands SENATE CALENDAR February 26, 2024 – March 08, 2024

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH VICE CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.

Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection 11:30 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas. The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. 35-0223 An Act renaming a portion of Gamle Gade "William A. Industrious Street".

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Lisa Alejandro, Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement
Roosevelt St. C. David, Former Senator
Dr. Andre'a Dorsey, Resident
Pastor Angela Rawlins, Resident
Dr. Josette Rey, Resident
Dr. Joseline Rey-Sutton, Resident

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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BLOCK II

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. 35-0226An Act amending title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, subchapter 1, section 345,
subsection (c) by requiring the minimum child support amount to be \$100 per month

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Kathryn B. Jensen-deLugo, IV-D Director, Virgin Islands Department of Justice, Division of Paternity and Child Support

Mrs. Ariel Smith, Esq, Attorney General, Department of Justice

BLOCK III

The Committee will receive testimony concerning:

Bill No. <u>35-0107</u> An Act posthumously honoring and commending Ms. Fenella Cooper for her contributions to the fields of education, sports, and culture, and naming the UVI tennis courts in her honor.

Invited Testifiers:

Dr. David Hall, SJD, President, University of the Virgin Islands
Dr. Sharon Charles, Resident
Dr. Nicole Syms, Assistant Commissioner, VI. Department of Health
Mr. Gerald Walters, District Science Coordinator, Virgin Islands Department of Education

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES

Committee on Housing, Transportation and Telecommunications 9:30 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, February 28, 2024 Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

Update from the Office of Disaster Recovery and the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority on the progress of housing-related disaster recovery programs, and the status of emergency housing and other programs to address housing instability.

Invited Testifiers: Ms. Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, Office of Disaster Recovery Ms. Dayna M. Clendinen, Interim Executive Director, V.I. Housing Finance Authority

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12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

BLOCK II

Update from the Virgin Islands Housing Authority on the status of affordable housing and the operations of the Authority, with emphasis on the conditions and maintenance of public housing communities.

Invited Testifier:

Mr. Dwayne Alexander, Executive Director, V.I. Housing Authority

THURSDAY, **FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

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FRIDAY, MARCH 01, 2024

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MONDAY, MARCH 04, 2024

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1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 05, 2024

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 06, 2024

CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA VICE CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS

Committee on Health, Hospitals and Human Services 10:00 A.M. Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on Wednesday, March 06, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall St. Thomas.

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

- **Bill No.** <u>35-0224</u> An Act amending title 19, part V, chapter 45, subchapter VI to increase access to behavioral health services, with a focus on a Psychiatric Emergency Response Team to provide mobile crisis intervention services, and the 9-8-8 telecommunication system
- **BLOCK II**

12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Bill No. <u>35-0128</u> An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 4A relating to the practice of professional counseling to modify and update licensure requirements, and for other related purposes

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge, Commissioner, Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs
Dr. Vincentina Paul-Constantin, Chairwoman, V.I. Board of Licensed Counselors and Examiners
Mr. Curtis Callender, Secretary, V.I. Board of Licensed Counselors and Examiners
Dr. Aaron Norton, Executive Director, National Board of Forensics Evaluators, Inc.
Dr. Tom Black, Licensed Professional Counselor, Certified Psychologist and Forensic Evaluator
Dr. Brenden A. Hargett, Director of Ethics, National Board for Certified Counselors

THURSDAY, MARCH 07, 2024

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FRIDAY, MARCH 08, 2024

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