



**34<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands**  
**SENATE CALENDAR**  
**November 15 – 26, 2021**

**MONDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

**Committee on**  
**Rules and Judiciary**

9:30 A.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

**CHAIR: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER**  
**VICE CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS**

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting to consider the following bills:

**Block I**

- 34-0047 An Act requiring the Department of Agriculture and the University of the Virgin Islands to create a plan to develop a community seed banking program to store and preserve seeds for preservation against climate change, natural disasters and other situations that could lead to total annihilation of crops, plants and other fauna and flora
- 34-0099 An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, sections 530(g) and chapter 27, section 705(c), changing the mandatory retirement age of police officers, firefighters and correction officers from 55 to 65
- 34-0089 An Act appropriating \$920,000 to the Virgin Islands Port Authority for the construction of an aesthetically pleasing Cruz Bay fish market and to modify the existing concrete boat ramp and bulkhead at the Little Cruz Bay Dock, Cruz Bay Quarter; and appropriating \$580,000 to the Department of Public Works for the construction of a boat dock and slipway at Enighed Pond on the island of St. John

**Block II**

- 34-0097 An Act repealing and reenacting title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, section 130, relating to authority to discipline pupils in schools; and repealing title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 9, subchapter I, section 87, relating to punishment of pupils by school officials

**Invited Testifier:**

**Kyza A. Callwood, MPA** - Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education

**Block III**

- 34-0062 An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 65a relating to filling vacancies on boards and commissions by adding subsection (g) to require memberships on boards and commissions to be gender balanced

**Invited Testifier:**

**Abelle Bakr** - President, New Horizon Women's Democratic Club

**Block IV**

- 34-0081 An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 17 relating to barbering and cosmetology services to reflect the barbering and cosmetology services that are being currently offered and to rename the chapter and the Board to reflect the changes

**Block V**

- 34-0072 An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, providing for the declaration of firearm components upon their entry into the Virgin Islands, and other related purposes

TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 16, 2021

**Committee of the Whole**

11:00 A.M.

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY

VICE CHAIR: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.

The 34th Legislature will convene in Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the Frits Lawaetz Conference Room on St. Croix to receive testimony on:

**Bill No. 34-0145** - An Act approving the conveyance of Parcels 5-E and 5-F of VICORP Land, Prince Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park Corporation and for other related purposes; rezoning Remainder Parcel 5-E from A-1 (Agricultural Zone) to A-29 (Agricultural Zone); rezoning Parcel 5-F from A-1 to B-3 (Business-Scattered); and providing for other related purposes

*Proposed by: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.*

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Mr. Peter Chapman**, Executive Director - UVI Research and Technology Park

**Mr. Positive T.A. Nelson**, Commissioner - Department of Agriculture

**Mr. Jean-Pierre Oriol**, Commissioner - Department of Planning and Natural Resources

**Mr. Anthony Thomas**, Commissioner - Department of Property and Procurement

WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 17, 2021

CHAIR: SENATOR JANELLE K. SARA UW

VICE CHAIR: SENATOR KURT A. VIALET

**Committee on Disaster  
Recovery and Infrastructure**

9:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Disaster Recovery and Infrastructure has scheduled a meeting to receive an overview and detailed updates on the proposed plans submitted to the Federal Government related to funding obligated and the Territory's plan of implementation under the American Rescue Plan.

**Block I 9:00 AM-10:45 AM**

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Jenifer O'Neal** - Director, Virgin Islands Office of Management and Budget

\***Justa Encarnacion** - Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Health

\***Kimberley Causey-Gomez** - Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Human Services

**Block II 10:45 AM-12:30 PM**

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Jenifer O'Neal**, Director, Virgin Islands Office of Management and Budget

\***Daryl Griffith**, Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

\***Robert Graham**, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority

\***Gary Molloy**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Labor

\***Joseph Boschulte**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Tourism

Lunch 12:30 PM-1:00 PM

**Block III 1:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**Invited Testifiers:**

**Jenifer O'Neal**, Director, Virgin Islands Office of Management and Budget

\***Derek Gabriel**, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Public Works

\***Rupert Ross**, Director, Virgin Islands Bureau of Information Technology

\***Roger Merritt**, Director, Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority

\***Noel Hodge**, Interim CEO, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority

\***Stephan Adams**, President/CEO, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN)

\*Participants are not expected to provide testimony, rather to respond to any questions the Senators may have. \*

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THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 18, 2021

PRESIDENT: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY

VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.

**Regular Session**

10:00 a.m.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

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**Invocation: Reverend Ronald D. Walker, Jr.**  
**Senior Pastor – Word of Faith International Christian Center**

**Anthem: National Anthem and Virgin Islands March**

**Roll Call: Honorable Genevieve Whitaker**  
**Legislative Secretary**

**Messages and/or Correspondences**

**Reports: Chairpersons of Standing Committees**

**Special Orders and Overrides**

**CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:**

**Block I - Nominees**

***Dr. Denese Marshall, Psy.D.***  
 V.I. Board of Psychology Examiners

***Semaj J. Johnson, Esq.***  
 V.I. Board of Medical Examiners

***William Newbold***  
 V.I. Historic Preservation Commission

***Laurence J. Richards, P.E., MBA***  
 V.I. Board of General Construction Contractors

***Oran Roebuck***  
 University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees

***Ray Martinez***  
 Commissioner – V.I. Police Department

**Block II – Resolutions**

- Bill No. 34-0061** A Resolution honoring and commending Mr. Hillary “Baga” Rezende for his many contributions to steel pan music and his dedicated service to the people of the Virgin Islands.
- Bill No. 34-0063** A Resolution honoring and commending St. Clair Alphonso “Whadablee” DeSilvia for his invaluable contribution to continued development of Calypso music in the Virgin Islands.
- Bill No. 34-0064** An Act honoring and commending Athniel C. “Addie” Ottley for his tireless years of informing and educating the public on current and past community issues and by keeping the radio waves open in times of imminent danger to the community and for naming a roadway in his honor.

- Bill No. 34-0065** An Act honoring and commending Elridge Blake for his outstanding accomplishments in sports and contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands; naming the University of the Virgin Islands Sports and Fitness Center in his honor and appropriates \$10,000 to cover the cost and up-keep of the signage.
- Bill No. 34-0074** A Resolution honoring and commending Holland L. Redfield II posthumously for his expansive and continued contributions to the island of St. Croix and the entire Virgin Islands community as a whole, through his roles in various areas of service in the territory and awarding him the Virgin Islands Medal of Honor for Public Service posthumously.

### **Block III – Zoning Map Amendments**

- ZAC-21-5** Stephen Lemelin (authorized agent, Clarence Brown) Requesting Plot No. 48-A Estate La Vallee, Northside Quarter “B”, St. Croix be rezoned from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to R-3 (Residential-Medium Density).
- ZAC-21-6** Karl Browne Requesting Plot Nos. 1-A Estate Little Princesse, 1-H Estate Golden Rock, and Rem. Plot No. 1- HA Estate Golden Rock, Company Quarter, St. Croix be rezoned from R-1 (Residential-Low Density) to R-3 (Residential-Medium Density).
- ZAC-21-7** Karl S. Williams Requesting Plot No. 59-A Estate Glynn, Queen Quarter, St. Croix be rezoned from C (Commercial) to B-3 (Business-Scattered).
- ZAC-21-1** Shirley deChabert-Highfield and Rita deChabert-Schuster Requesting Remainder Plot No. 136 Estate St. George, Prince Quarter, St. Croix be rezoned from R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family) to B-3 (Business-Scattered).
- ZAC-21-9** Genderson Dominquez Requesting Plot No. 11-H Estate Montpellier, Queen Quarter, St. Croix be rezoned from R-1 (Residential-Low Density) to R-3 (Residential-Medium Density).
- ZAT-21-2** Anya Castor Requesting a use variance be granted to the B-4 (Business-Residential Areas) zoned Parcel No. 32 Remainder Estate Frydendahl, No. 4 East End Quarter, St. Thomas.
- ZAT-21-4** David and Ursula Bryan Requesting Parcel Nos. 5-F-Rem. and 5-A-1 Estate Agnes Fancy, No. 8- H Great Northside Quarter, St. Thomas be rezoned from R-1 (Residential-Low Density) to R-2 (Residential-Low Density-One and Two Family).
- ZAT-21-5** Manal Yahya Yusuf (authorized agent Roosevelt St. C. David) Requesting Parcel No. 10D Estate Mariendahl, No. 4 Red Hook Quarter, St. Thomas be rezoned from R-2 (Residential-Low Density- One and Two Family) to B-3 (Business-Scattered).

**Block IV – Bills**

- Bill No. 34-0040** An Act amending title 27, chapter 1 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new subchapter V(a) establishing the Nurse Licensure Compact to create a multistate nursing license.
- Bill No. 34-0051** An Act amending the Virgin Islands Code, title 19 chapter 75, section 4201 relating to fluoridation of water to lower the required minimum amount of fluoride in fresh water distributed for public consumption or for consumption in any schools in the Virgin Islands; amending title 17, chapter 10, section 111 relating to the school health program to include a dental program; including dental preventive services and a school-based fluoride rinse program; amending title 27, chapter 1, subchapter II, section 57 relating to exemption from licensure by the Board of Dental Examiners to exempt dentists licensed in other states and students or residents in schools or colleges of dentistry engaged in dental assessment and preventive treatments under the auspices of the school dental program; amending title 33, chapter 111 relating to government funds to add section 3100cc to establish the School-Based Dental Prevention and Treatment Fund.
- Bill No. 34-0053** An Act amending Virgin Islands Code, title 17 chapter 5 by adding section 41i to establish the Emergency Medical Services Program, amending title 33, chapter 111 by adding section 3099a to establish the Emergency Medical Services High School Program Fund; and making a \$160,000 appropriation from the Centennial Special Fund to the Department of Education to fund the Emergency Medical Services basic EMS education program.
- Bill No. 34-0078** An Act to transfer certain real property from the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Virgin Islands Port Authority; to require the Virgin Islands Port Authority to pay certain sums to the Education Maintenance Fund.
- Bill No. 34-0085** An Act amending the Virgin Islands Code, title 14, section 192, relating to the importation of snakes and invasive species, to increase the fine for the unauthorized importation of snakes and to make technical amendments; amending title 12, section §81d, relating to the Fish and Wildlife Restoration Trust Fund, to extend the use of the fund to the regulation of the importation and control of non-indigenous evasive species; and amending title 19 section 2709, relating to the prevention of the introduction of contagious or infectious animals, to provide that the quarantine of animals is at the owner's expense.

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FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 19, 2021

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

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MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 2021    CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

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Reserved

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TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 23, 2021    CHAIR: SENATOR GENEVIEVE R. WHITAKER  
VICE-CHAIR: SENATOR JANELLE K. SARA UW

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**Committee on Education and  
Workforce Development**

10:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

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WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 24, 2021    CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

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Reserved

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THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 25, 2021    THANKSGIVING DAY

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FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 26, 2021    CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

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