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The Honorable Senator

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Safety  
Committee on Education and Workforce

## COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE

### REVISED I AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.

The Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture will convene a meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on the island of St. Thomas. The Committee will receive a status update from the Office of Cannabis Regulations (OCR), the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism, and the Virgin Islands Port Authority.

#### BLOCK I - 10:00 a.m.

The Committee will receive an update on the overall status of the USVI Office of Cannabis Regulations to include the following below:

- Implementation of Act 8680
- Status update on the necessary personnel to carry out the duties of the Office of Cannabis Regulations
- Discussion on the licensing procedures for the cannabis industry

#### INVITED TESTIFIERS:

The Honorable Richard T. Evangelista, Esq.  
Commissioner Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs  
Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands

Mrs. Hannah Carty  
Executive Director  
Office of Cannabis Regulations  
Virgin Islands Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs  
Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States

Dr. Catherine Kean,  
Chairwoman of the Cannabis Advisory Board  
Virgin Islands Cannabis Advisory Board

Kye Walker Esq.  
Legal Adviser to the Governor &  
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Mr. Tafari Tzaddi  
President  
Rastafari Sacramental Cannabis Counsel, Inc.

**RECESS – 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

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**BLOCK II – 1:30 p.m.**

The Committee will receive an update on the overall status of the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism operations to include but not limited to the following listed below:

- Update on the utilization of the funds to market St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John
- Update on the upcoming 2023 St. Thomas Carnival
- Report for the 2019-2020 and 2022-2023 Crucian Christmas Festivals
- Report for the 2019 and 2022 St. Thomas Carnivals
- Goals to promote Sports Tourism in the Virgin Islands
- Update on the partnership with the Uber Soca Cruise
- Goals for the upcoming Sea Trade Conference

**INVITED TESTIFIER:**

The Honorable Joseph B. Boschulte  
Commissioner,  
United States Virgin Islands Department of Tourism

**BLOCK III – 4:00 p.m.**

The Committee will receive an update from the Virgin Islands Port Authority on the overall status to include but not limited to the following listed below:

- Status update on the P3 project for the airports
- Update on all capital projects for VIPA
- Goals for the upcoming Sea Trade Conference
- Update on the contract for Seaborne Airlines and goals for improving inter-island travel

**INVITED TESTIFIER:**

The Honorable Carlton Dowe  
Executive Director  
Virgin Islands Port Authority

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