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TO: All Members, Committee on Rules and Judiciary
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Honorable Franklin D. Johnson
Honorable Carla J. Joseph

FROM: The Honorable Senator Diane T. Capehart 
Chair, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

DATE: June 6, 2024

RE: Committee on Rules and Judiciary Meeting— Thursday, June 13, 2024

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for **Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 9:30 AM in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands** to consider the following **nominations and bills:**

BLOCK I

- Governor's Nomination of Lindel A. Williams, Nominee
Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority Board of Directors – St. Croix District
- Governor's Nomination of Conn J. Davis II, Nominee
Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority Board of Directors – St. Thomas District

BLOCK II

Bill No. 35-0032 - An Act repealing and reenacting title 18 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 2, relating to government employees' eligibility for elected office, to allow government employees to run for political office while actively employed, unless specifically prohibited by federal or other laws.
Sponsored by Senators Marise C. James and Donna A. Frett-Gregory

Invited Testifiers

- Stedmann Hodge, Jr., Democratic State Chair
Democratic Party of the Virgin Islands
- John Yob, Republican State Chair
Republican Party of the Virgin Islands

- Caroline Fawkes, Supervisor of Election
Virgin Islands Election System
- Cindy Richardson, Director
Virgin Islands Division of Personnel
- Joss Springette, Esq., Chief Negotiator
Office of Collective Bargaining

BLOCK III

Bill No. 35-0117 - An Act amending Title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15, sections 421a and 422 relating to the qualifications, term limits, and duties of the members of the Real Estate Commission. *Sponsored By Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.*

Invited Testifiers:

- The Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge, Commissioner
VI Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs
- Laurent Alfred, Esq., Chairperson
VI Real Estate Commission

BLOCK IV

Bill No. 35-0224 - 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. *Sponsored By Senators Diane T. Capehart and Ray Fonseca.*

Invited Testifiers

- The Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion, Commissioner
Virgin Islands Department of Health
- Tina M. Comissiong, Esq. MPA, Chief Executive Officer
Schneider Regional Medical Center
- Doug Koch, Chief Executive Officer
Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center
- Massarae Sprauve-Webster, CEO
Frederiksted Healthcare
- Tess G. Richards, MD, Executive Director
St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corp.

BLOCK V

Bill No. 35-0193 - An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 relating to real estate brokers, sales associates, and property managers. *Sponsored by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.; Co-Sponsored by Senator Marise C. James*

Bill No. 35-0230 - An Act repealing section 11 of Act No. 6570, as amended, and amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code related to the inspection and licensing of automobiles for hire. *Sponsored by Senators Dwayne M. DeGraff and Marvin A. Blyden.*

Bill No. 35-0236 - An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code adding a new chapter 33A to enact the “21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act (IDEA)” to improve governmental agency digital services, and for other purposes. *Sponsored by Senators Samuel Carrion and Carla J. Joseph.*

Bill No. 35-0255 - An Act approving the multi-year lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement and Rumina Construction, LLC, for Parcel No. 92 A (Revised) Submarine Base, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to operate an equipment and material storage depot yard, construction company office, and other related purposes. *Sponsored by Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr. and Marvin A. Blyden by Request of the Governor*

Bill No. 35-0262 - An Act appropriating \$1,434,950 in Fiscal Year 2024 from the Community Facilities Trust Fund for the pre-construction soft cost funding to prepare the Charlotte Amalie harbor for dredging. *Sponsored By Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr. and Marvin A. Blyden by Request of the Governor*

Cc: All Senators
All Chiefs of Staff
All Divisions
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