



SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.
36TH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
Chairman, Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance

Memorandum No. 26-040

To: Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Members
The Honorable Marvin A. Blyden, Vice-Chairman
The Honorable Dwayne M. DeGraff
The Honorable Ray Fonseca
The Honorable Hubert L. Frederick
The Honorable Marise C. James
The Honorable Kurt A. Violet

From: The Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr. 
Chairman, Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance

Date: July 30, 2026

Re: August 7, 2026 Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Meeting

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on **Friday, August 7, 2026, 12:00 P.M. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix** to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

BLOCK I

12:00 P.M.

VI Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

Invited Testifier:

Honorable H. Natalie Hodge, Commissioner

Office of Cannabis Regulation

Invited Testifier:

Ms. Joanne Moorehead, Executive Director

BLOCK II

2:30 P.M.

VI Department of Agriculture

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Louis E. Petersen, Jr., PhD, Commissioner

Virgin Islands Food and Farm Council

Invited Testifier:

Dr. Safiya George, President, University of the Virgin Islands

BLOCK III

4:00 P.M.

Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority

Invited Testifier:

Ms. Valdez Shelford, Interim Executive Director