

RESOLUTION NO. 1914

BILL NO. 36-0001

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2025

A Resolution organizing and establishing the Majority Caucus, electing the officers, and appointing the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and members of the standing committees of the Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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WHEREAS, the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, section 7(a), (“Rev. Org. Act”) requires regular sessions of the Legislature to be held annually commencing on the second Monday in January;

WHEREAS, the Rev. Org. Act § 6(g) grants the Legislature of the Virgin Islands the authority to exercise all the attributes, inherent in legislative assemblies;

WHEREAS, the election of its officers, establishment of committees, appointment of members to the committees, and the general organization of the body are inherent powers of the Legislature;

WHEREAS, after the swearing in ceremony on the second Monday in January of odd-numbered years, members of the Legislature meet at the Capitol Building in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas and convene in regular session to organize the Legislature;

WHEREAS, it has been a long-standing practice, as authorized by the Rules of the Legislature, that the officers, committee chairpersons, and members on committees are elected by adoption of a resolution naming the officers, committees, chairs, vice-chairs and members of the committees; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to organize the Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands; Now, Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. (a) The Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands is organized as provided in sections 2 through 4.

SECTION 2. The Majority Caucus is established and is composed of:

- (1) Senator Marvin A. Blyden;
- (2) Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.;
- (3) Senator Ray Fonseca;
- (4) Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.;
- (5) Senator Hubert L. Frederick;
- (6) Senator Kenneth L. Gittens;
- (7) Senator Marise C. James;
- (8) Senator Carla J. Joseph;
- (9) Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.;
- (10) Senator Avery L. Lewis;
- (11) Senator Milton E. Potter; and
- (12) Senator Kurt A. Violet.

SECTION 3. The following senators are elected to the offices of the Thirty-Sixth Legislature:

- (1) Senator Milton E. Potter, President
- (2) Senator Kenneth L. Gittens, Vice-President
- (3) Senator Avery L. Lewis, Secretary
- (4) Senator Kurt A. Violet, Majority Leader
- (5) Senator Marise C. James, Secretary for Intergovernmental Relations and Territorial Affairs
- (6) Senator Ray Fonseca, Liaison to the United States Congress
- (7) Senator Carla J. Joseph, Liaison to the United States Department of Interior and Office of Insular Affairs; and
- (8) Senator Kenneth L. Gittens, Liaison to the White House.

SECTION 4. The following standing committees of the Thirty-Sixth Legislature are established, and the chairs, vice-chairs, and members of the committees are appointed as follows:

(a) COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY

Chair: Senator Carla J. Joseph

Vice-Chair: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

Members: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Senator Alma Francis Heyliger

Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.

Senator Avery L. Lewis

Senator Milton E. Potter

(b) COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE

Chair: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Vice-Chair: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

Members: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

Senator Ray Fonseca

Senator Hubert L. Frederick

Senator Marise C. James

Senator Kurt A. Vialet

(c) COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chair: Senator Ray Fonseca

Vice-Chair: Senator Hubert L. Frederick

Members: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

Senator Alma Francis Heyliger

Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

Senator Milton E. Potter

Senator Kurt A. Vialet

(d) **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Senator Kurt A. Vialet

Vice-Chair: Senator Avery L. Lewis

Members: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

Senator Marise C. James

Senator Franklin D. Johnson

Senator Carla J. Joseph

(e) **COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING**

Chair: Senator Marise C. James

Vice-Chair: Senator Milton E. Potter

Members: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

Senator Hubert L. Frederick

Senator Clifford L. Joseph, Sr.

Senator Kurt A. Vialet

(f) **COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

Chair: Senator Hubert L. Frederick

Vice-Chair: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Members: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

Senator Alma Francis Heyliger

Senator Marise C. James

Senator Franklin D. Johnson

Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.

(g) COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair: Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.

Vice-Chair: Senator Ray Fonseca

Members: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

Senator Franklin D. Johnson

Senator Avery L. Lewis

(h) COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Chair: Senator Avery L. Lewis

Vice-Chair: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Members: Senator Ray Fonseca

Senator Alma Francis Heyliger

Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

Senator Franklin D. Johnson

Senator Carla J. Joseph

(i) COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

Vice-Chair: Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.

Members: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

Senator Ray Fonseca

Senator Marise C. James

Senator Carla J. Joseph

Senator Kurt A. Vialet

(j) COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, YOUTH, AGING, SPORTS AND PARKS

Chair: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Vice-Chair: Senator Carla J. Joseph

Members: Senator Marvin A. Blyden
Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
Senator Alma Francis Heyliger
Senator Franklin D. Johnson
Senator Avery L. Lewis

(k) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chair: Senator Milton E. Potter

Vice-Chair: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

Members: Senator Marvin A. Blyden
Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.
Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff
Senator Ray Fonseca
Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
Senator Alma Francis Heyliger
Senator Hubert L. Frederick
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Senator Kurt A. Vialet

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on January 13, 2025.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 13th day of January, A.D., 2025.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Milton A. Potter".

Milton A. Potter
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Avery L. Lewis".

Avery L. Lewis
Secretary