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36th Legislature Leadership Announced: Senate President, Majority Leader, and Finance Chair Named Ahead of January 13 Swearing-In

Senator Milton E. Potter will serve as President, Senator Kurt Vialet as Majority Leader, and Senator Novelle E. Francis Jr. as Finance Chair, as the Legislature prepares for its inaugural session

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Senators Milton Potter, left, Kenneth Gittens, upper right, and Senator-elect Kurt Vialet.
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The incoming members of the 36th Legislature have unveiled the proposed officers and committee chairpersons who will lead the territory's legislative agenda in 2025.

Proposed Leadership Structure

- Senator Milton E. Potter, President
- Senator Kenneth L. Gittens, Vice President
- Senator Elect Avery L. Lewis, Secretary
- Senator Kurt Vialet, Majority Leader

Key committees and their proposed chairs are as follows:

- Budget, Appropriations & Finance: Novelle E. Francis, Jr. (Vice Chair: Marvin Blyden)
- Rules & Judiciary: Carla Joseph (Vice Chair: Kenneth L. Gittens)
- Culture, Youth, Aging & Parks: Angel Bolques, Jr. (Vice Chair: Carla Joseph)
- Economic Development & Agriculture: Hubert L. Frederick (Vice Chair: Angel Bolques, Jr.)
- Education & Workforce Development: Kurt Vialet (Vice Chair: Avery L. Lewis)
- Health, Hospitals & Human Services: Ray Fonseca (Vice Chair: Hubert L. Frederick)
- Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications: Marvin Blyden (Vice Chair: Clifford Joseph)
- Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure & Planning: Marise James (Vice Chair: Milton Potter)
- Government Operations, Veterans Affairs & Consumer Protection: Avery L. Lewis (Vice Chair: Novelle E. Francis, Jr.)
- Homeland Security, Justice & Public Safety: Clifford A. Joseph (Vice Chair: Ray Fonseca)

Incoming President Senator Milton E. Potter spoke of the team's commitment to addressing the challenges facing the territory. "Together we will work tirelessly to ensure that the voices of our constituents are heard and that our territory thrives," he stated.

Vice President Senator Kenneth L. Gittens highlighted the importance of collaboration, noting, "Our leadership team represents a blend of diverse perspectives and strengths. We are committed to creating effective policies that reflect the values and needs of our people."

Incoming Secretary Senator Elect Avery L. Lewis vowed to maintain transparency and accountability, while Majority Leader Senator Kurt Vialet stressed priorities such as WAPA reform, federal fund allocation, and improvements in education, healthcare, and economic development.

The 36th Legislature's swearing-in ceremony and inaugural session will take place on Monday, January 13, 2025. The event will be broadcast live on LEGIT TV (Channel 26) and streamed online at legvi.org.