

# The Virgin Islands Consortium

## 31st Legislature Announces Committee Assignments

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Senate President Designee of the 31st Legislature, Senator-elect Neville James, has released the proposed committee assignments of the 31st Legislature.

The assignments will become official during the lawmaking body's organization at 11:15 a.m. today, following a swearing-in ceremony at the David Monsanto Band Stand at 10 a.m. at Emancipation Gardens on St. Thomas.

Members of the majority block will include Senators-elect Neville James, Marvin A. Blyden, Jean Forde, Novelle Francis, Jr., Justin Harrigan, Sr., Kurt Violet and incumbent Senators Kenneth L. Gittens, Clifford F. Graham, Myron D. Jackson and Sammuell Sanes.

Incumbent Senators Terrence "Positive" Nelson, Nereida "Nellie" Rivera-O'Reilly and Tregenza A. Roach will serve in the non-majority block with Senator-elect Almando "Rocky" Liburd.

Three-term Senator Janette Millin Young will serve as vice president of the 31st Legislature as well as secretary for Intergovernmental and Territorial Affairs; Senator Myron D. Jackson, in his second term, will serve as secretary and liaison to the United States Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs; Senator Sammuel Sanes, now in his fourth term, will serve as majority leader and liaison to the United States Congress; Senator Kenneth L. Gittens, serving his second term, is liaison to the White House.

Committee assignments are outlined below.

### **Committee on Education & Workforce Development**

Chair: Jean Forde Vice Chair: Kurt Vialet 1. Justin Harrigan 2. Kenneth L. Gittens 3. Tregenza A. Roach 4. Myron D. Jackson 5. Terrence "Positive" Nelson

### **Committee on Housing, Public Works & Waste Management**

Chair: Marvin Blyden Vice Chair: Clifford F. Graham 1. Jean Forde 2. Neville James 3. Almondo "Rocky" Liburd 4. Kenneth L. Gittens 5. Tregenza A. Roach

### **Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth & Recreation**

Chair: Myron D. Jackson Vice Chair: Sammuel Sanes 1. Novelle Francis 2. Marvin Blyden 3. Kenneth L. Gittens 4. Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly 5. Terence "Positive" Nelson

### **Committee on Rules & Judiciary**

Chair: Kenneth L. Gittens Vice Chair: Janette Millin Young 1. Neville James 2. Novelle E. Francis 3. Jean Forde 4. Justin Harrigan 5. Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly

### **Committee on Finance**

Chair: Clifford F. Graham Vice Chair: Kurt Vialet 1. Sammuel Sanes 2. Myron D. Jackson 3. Marvin Blyden 4. Terrence "Positive" Nelson 5. Tregenza A. Roach

### **Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

Chair: Sammuel Sanes Vice Chair: Marvin A. Blyden 1. Janette Millin Young 2. Clifford F. Graham 3. Kurt A. Vialet 4. Almando "Rocky" Liburd 5. Terrence "Positive" Nelson

### **Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture & Planning**

Chair: Janette Millin Young Vice Chair: Novelle E. Francis 1. Neville James 2. Myron D. Jackson 3. Kurt Vialet 4. Clifford F. Graham 5. Tregenza A. Roach 6. Almando "Rocky" Liburd 7. Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly

### **Committee on Health, Hospital & Human Services**

Chair: Kurt Violet Vice Chair: Justin Harrigan 1. Novelle E. Francis 2. Jean Forde 3. Marvin Blyden 4. Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly 5. Almando "Rocky" Liburd

### **Committee on Veterans' Affairs**

Chair: Justin Harrigan Vice Chair: Myron D. Jackson 1. Janette Millin Young 2. Sammuel Sanes 3. Neville James 4. Terrence "Positive" Nelson 5. Tregenza A. Roach

### **Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Justice**

Chair: Novelle E. Francis Vice Chair: Kenneth L. Gittens 1. Justin Harrigan 2. Jean Forde 3. Sammuel Sanes 4. Almando "Rocky" Liburd 5. Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly

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