

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
DRAFT NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION & BOARD MEETING
Gateway Dining & Event Center, Salon A (on the campus of Virginia State University)
August 4-5, 2022
(No public comment period scheduled)**

*Theme: Telling the Virginia State University Story: Building Greater Connections
(Strategic Operating Program/Priority 4)*

Orientation, Session II – FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022

8:00 – 8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Salons A-B)

- Roll Call
- InvocationPastor Jasmyn Graham
Director, Campus Ministries
- Board Structure: Officers & Committees Rector Valerie Brown
- Functions and current focus of standing committeesCommittee Chairs
 - Ms. Pamela Currey – Chair, Academic & Student Affairs Committee
 - Ms. Shavonne Gordon – Chair, Institutional Advancement Committee
 - Mr. William Murray – Chair, Facilities & Finance Committee
 - Mr. Jon Moore – Chair, Audit & Compliance Committee
 - Mr. Glenn Sessoms – Vice Rector & Chair, Personnel, Compensation & Governance Committee
- Board Governance Documents Rector Valerie Brown
 - Bylaws
 - Code of Ethics
 - Statement of Governance
 - Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Rights & Responsibilities
- FOIA PresentationMs. Cynthia Harrison Norwood Marquez
Senior Assistant State Attorney General
- Strategic Plan Overview & Update Dr. Donald Palm
Executive Vice President & Provost, Academic & Student Affairs
- *BOV GROUP PHOTO ON “THE GREATER HAPPENS HERE” ROAD, VSU CAMPUS
(WEATHER PERMITTING)*

12:00 – 12:45 pm

**Lunch is Served
Gateway Dining & Event Center**

1:00 – 5:00 pm

**Full Board Convenes
Gateway Dining & Event Center, Salons A-B
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MINUTES
Friday, August 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector, called the meeting of the Virginia State University (VSU) Board of Visitors (Board) to order in the Gateway Dining and Event Center on the campus of Virginia State University at approximately 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Board Members Present:

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector
 Mr. Glenn D. Sessoms, Vice Rector
 Dr. Christine M. Darden, Secretary
 Mr. Victor Branch (*absent*)
 Mr. Thomas Cosgrove
 Ms. Pamela A. Currey
 Dr. Robert Denton, Jr.
 Mr. Michael Flemming
 Ms. Shavonne Gordon (*absent*)
 Dr. Harold Green, Jr.
 Dr. Leonard Haynes, III
 Mr. Jon Moore (*absent*)
 Mr. William Murray
 Mr. Edward Owens
 Mr. Wayne Turnage (*absent*)
 Dr. Leonard Githinji, Faculty Representative to the Board
 Ms. Yania Campbell, Student Representative to the Board (*absent*)

Administration Present:

Dr. Makola Abdullah, President
 Dr. Donald Palm, Executive Vice President/Provost
 Kevin Davenport, Senior Vice President, Finance & Administration
 Shawri King-Casey, Vice President for Institutional Integrity and Compliance
 Dr. Annie C. Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board Governance, Operations, & Relations
 Rodney Hall, Deputy Chief of Staff
 Maurion Edwards, Chief Information Officer/Technology Services
 Chief David Bragg, Associate Vice President, Chief/VSU Police Department
 Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Associate Vice Provost/Enrollment Management
 Eldon Burton, Assistant Vice President/Director of Government Relations
 Dr. Tia Minnis, Vice Provost for Academic Success, Planning & Institutional Effectiveness

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Legal Counsel Present:

Cynthia Norwood Marquez, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Other Attendees:

Travis Edmonds, Technology Services
Derrick Jennings, Technology Services
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Danette Johnson, President's Office
Debbie Jefferson, President's Office
Marjorie Muse, President's Office
Tasha Owens, Internal Audit
Kendra White, Policy Analyst

INVOCATION

Rector Brown invited Pastor Graham to offer the invocation.

Rector Brown introduced the current officers of the Board and briefly discussed the board committees-- Academic & Student Affairs, Facilities & Finance, Audit & Compliance, Institutional Advancement, and Personnel, Comp & Governance. The Rector introduced the committee chairs who explained the committees' function, shared the current focus of their respective committees, and discussed protocols designed to support collaboration of board members and effective decision making.

- Ms. Pamela Currey – Chair, Academic & Student Affairs Committee
- Ms. Shavonne Gordon, Chair, Institutional Advancement Committee
- Mr. William Murray – Chair, Facilities & Finance Committee
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In the absence of Ms. Shavonne Gordon, Mr. Edward Owens, Vice Chair, shared information about the Institutional Advancement Committee. Rector Brown gave an overview of the Audit & Compliance Committee in the absence of Mr. Jon Moore.

Rector Brown discussed the Board's Governance documents—Bylaws, Code of Ethics, Statement of Governance, and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Rights & Responsibilities. The Rector encouraged new board members to read these documents and become familiar with them. The documents are available on the VSU website, in the Diligent Board Book, and shared as links within the Welcome Letters. The Rector noted it is the Board's job to govern, to be proactive not reactive and not to be in the midst of day to day operations of the University. She encouraged board members to be mindful of the protocols for meeting etiquette, to review meeting materials in advance to be prepared, and to consult with respective chairs first about the work of committees.

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Ms. Cynthia Norwood Marquez, Senior Assistant State Attorney General, gave an overview of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). She reviewed the main categories relating to FOIA which are meeting requirements and document requests. In addition, Ms. Marquez reviewed the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act, specifically, gifts and personal interests.

Dr. Donald Palm presented an overview of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, Preeminence with Purpose. The document is available in the August 5, 2022 Diligent Board Book, on the University website, and as links within the new members' Welcome Letter. The overview covered the VSU strategic priorities and how VSU priorities align with the goals of the Virginia Plan for Higher Education. Dr. Palm also reviewed the VSU Six-Year Plan strategies for recruitment, student success, and education. He highlighted key performance indicators for strategic goals such as (1) enrollment, marketing, and management plan; (2) comprehensive student academic success plan; (3) innovative and non-traditional instruction program methods and content delivery; (4) strengthening philanthropic support and long-term growth, sustainability and excellence.

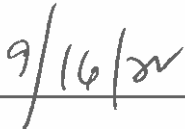
Rector Brown thanked the committee chairs and staff for their participation in the orientation sessions which proved informational and educational for new and returning board members. The Rector adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.



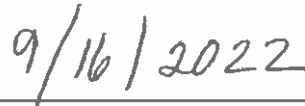
Dr. Valerie K. Brown, Rector



Dr. Christine M. Darden, Secretary



Date



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