

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
2:45 p.m., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023  
Gateway Dining & Events Center  
(on the campus of Virginia State University)  
(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)**

**AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER ..... Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector

ROLL CALL (*Ms. Pamela Currey*)

INVOCATION (*Pastor Seth, Director of Campus Ministries*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)

- March 21, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ..... Dr. Makola M. Abdullah

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval Items:

- Resolution for Exemplary Service for Michael D. Flemming
- Resolution for Exemplary Service for Glenn D. Sessoms
- Resolution for Exemplary Service for Wayne Turnage

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Shavonne Gordon, Vice Rector, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at approximately 2:45 p.m. in the Gateway Dining & Event Center on the campus of Virginia State University.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present.

*Committee Members Present:*

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector (*absent*)  
Mr. Victor Branch  
Ms. Pamela Currey  
Ms. Shavonne Gordon  
Dr. Leonard Haynes, III (*absent*)  
Mr. Jon Moore (*absent*)  
Mr. William Murray  
Mr. Edward Owens (*via electronic communication*)

Due to medical reasons, Mr. Edward Owens participated in the meeting via electronic communications via Cisco WebEx from South Boston, VA 24592.

*Other Board Members Present:*

Dr. Robert Denton, Jr.  
Mr. Thomas Cosgrove  
Ms. Daphne Meeks  
Mr. Kishore Thota  
Dr. Joseph Chase, Jr.  
Dr. Harold Green, Jr.

*Administration Present:*

Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President  
Dr. Tia Minnis, Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs  
Kevin Davenport, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration/Chief Financial Officer  
Shawri King-Casey, Vice President for Institutional Integrity & Compliance  
Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management  
Tonya Hall, Vice President for Advancement and External Engagement  
Dr. Annie C. Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board Operations and Relations

*Legal Counsel Present:*

Cynthia Norwood Marquez, Senior Assistant Attorney General

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**OPENING REMARKS**

Vice Rector Gordon informed the Board that she would chair the Executive Committee due to the absence of Rector Brown.

**INVOCATION**

Vice Rector Gordon invited Pastor Seth Ahmad-McQueen to offer the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Vice Rector called for approval of the agenda. The motion was received, properly seconded, and approved by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The Vice Rector called for approval of the previous minutes from the March 21, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting. The motion was received, properly seconded, and approved by voice vote.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

None.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Vice Rector Gordon read a statement explaining that the approval items—Resolutions for Exemplary Service--were referred to the Executive Committee in accordance with the Board Bylaws, Article III, Section 3.1.2. There were no questions or comments from committee members in attendance.

The Vice Rector called for a motion to approve Resolutions for Exemplary Service to retiring board members: Mr. Michael Flemming, Mr. Glenn Sessoms, and Mr. Wayne Turnage. The retired board members will be honored at the Annual Board Recognition Dinner on Thursday, September 14, 2023. The Committee approved the Resolutions by roll call vote. Dr. Brown, Dr. Haynes, and Mr. Moore were not present for the vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Vice Rector adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

Valerie Brown  
Rector

2/8/24  
Date