

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE
2:45 PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026
Gateway Dining & Events Center
(on the campus of Virginia State University)
(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)**

DRAFT AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER..... Mr. Jon Moore, Chair

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION (*Rev. Thomas Wynn, Director of Campus Ministries*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)
November 20, 2025 Meeting

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

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approval Items: (if any)

- University Compliance Update
Follow-up APA AuditKendra A. White
Associate VP Institutional Integrity & Compliance

- Internal Audit Update.....Nannette Williams
Chief Audit Executive

○ CLOSED SESSION

4.16.2026

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CALL TO ORDER

Visitor Moore called the Audit and Compliance committee to order at 2:32 pm. The meeting was held at the Gateway Dining and Events Center on the second floor.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jon Moore (Chair)
Ms. Daphne Meeks (Vice Chair)
Dr. Joseph A.F. Chase, Jr.
Mr. Robert Thompson
Dr. Harold Green, Jr.
Dr. Leonard Haynes, III (*absent due to medical reasons*)
Ms. Morenike Miles

BOARD APPOINTEES:

Dr. Kenneth Lewis, Faculty Representative
Mr. Marquis Mason, SGA Representative

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Cosgrove
Dr. Robert Denton, Jr.
Mr. Peter McPherson
Ms. Verndell Robinson
General Dennis Via (*absent*)
Mr. Kishore Thota

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President
Dr. Tia A. Minnis, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Kevin Davenport, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration/CFO, Ms. Shawri King-Casey, Vice President for Institutional Integrity and Compliance
Dr. Willis W. Walter, Vice President For Advancement and External Engagement
Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
Dr. Annie Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board of Operations & Relations

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LEGAL COUNSEL:

Mr. Nathan Moberley

INVOCATION

Rev. Thomas Wynn, Director of Campus Ministries

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was properly made, seconded, and approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on November 20, 2025, was properly made, seconded, and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Abdullah expressed appreciation to Board members for their support of Virginia State University and thanked Ms. Kendra White, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Integrity and Compliance, and Internal Auditor Nanette Williams for their upcoming presentations.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Visitor Moore noted the leadership transition in the Office of Institutional Integrity & Compliance and recognized the expertise of the University's audit team.

UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE UPDATE

Ms. Kendra White, Assistant Vice President of Institutional Integrity and Compliance, provided an update on the FY25 Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) audit. The audit is managed by Project Manager April Cassada and Audit-in-Charge Katie Collins, both experienced with the University's audit. The University's audit team is working closely with the APA, with fieldwork currently underway. The Committee was reminded of outstanding findings from the previous year and assured that corrective action plans have been implemented and are actively in progress.

Following Ms. White's presentation, Visitor Moore emphasized the importance of maintaining transparent communication with the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA), particularly regarding the timeliness of audit completion and ensuring equitable treatment relative to peer institutions. He further noted that the University's rapid growth presents challenges in aligning processes and indicated that some audit findings may be attributable to evolving operational practices.

INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

Ms. Nannette Williams, Chief Audit Executive, provided an update on the Internal Audit Plan, outlining the status of several audits.

The status of the FY25 carryover audits is as follows:

- Capital Outlay (Harris Commons Building Project) planning and fieldwork are underway;
- Bursar's Office (Cash Receipts and Operations) has been completed;

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- Athletics (Travel) has been completed and is in the reporting stage; and
- Institutional Advancement (Gift Administration) planning is underway.

The following reflects the status updates for the FY26 new audits:

- Policy and Procedure Review is underway and will be an ongoing, multi-year effort;
- Public Safety/Information Security is underway as planning began in April;
- HR/University-wide/ITS (Separation Process/Offboarding) will most likely be pushed to FY27 due to current workload; and
- Registrar's Office/Academic Colleges will most likely be pushed to FY27 due to current workload.

The following reflects the status updates for the FY26 IT Audits

- IT Review Policy is underway;
- System Sensitive Review has been completed for one system and is underway for the other system; and
- Service Organization Control (SOC) Reports review is complete for the fiscal year.

Ms. Williams reviewed key findings from the Cash Receipts and Operations audit, noting that immediate corrective actions were implemented for all identified issues and that remediation efforts are ongoing. She further emphasized that, while some findings were unavoidable, they occurred at relatively low rates and did not indicate systemic concerns.

Ms. Williams further elaborated on the Policy and Procedure Review, noting its comprehensive scope and explaining that it is being conducted in phases, with the first year focused on policies and the second year on detailed procedures, prioritizing high-risk areas. She also reported significant progress on the IT Audit, highlighting that the Internal Audit team exceeded expectations by completing more reviews than initially planned. Key activities included the ongoing review and revision of IT policies, standards, and procedures; the completion of audits of sensitive systems, with one report ready for review and another in the planning phase; and the annual review of third-party service organization control reports, with all required reviews completed and documentation provided to the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA).

Committee discussion centered on the importance of continuous improvement and the effective implementation of corrective action plans. Additional topics included audit staffing levels, the timeliness and quality of external audits, the prioritization of high-risk areas in light of the University's growth, and the importance of accountability in ensuring adherence to internal controls. Ms. Williams then concluded the open session portion of her presentation, after which Visitor Moore entertained a motion to enter closed session to discuss sensitive IT security matters.

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The Chair asked for a motion to enter a closed session for the discussion or consideration of information pursuant to 2.2-3711 (A)(19), pertaining to “. . . plans to protect public safety as it relates to . . . specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety” and “. . . information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 or § 2.2-3705.2, where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system, or software program”, namely, recommendations regarding information technology infrastructure. It was moved, seconded, and approved to enter the closed session. The Committee entered closed session.

The Chair asked for a motion to return to open session at 3:26 pm. The motion was made, properly seconded, and approved by voice vote. The Chair read a statement to certify that during its closed meeting, the Board discussed only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only those public business matters

identified in the motion convening the Board in closed session. The Committee voted by roll call vote to certify the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date