

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS  
NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION MINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Huron Winstead, Rector, called the New Board Member Orientation session to order in the President's Dining Room located in the Gateway Dining and Event Center on the campus of Virginia State University at approximately 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

*Board Members Present:*

Mr. Huron F. Winstead, Rector  
Dr. Valerie Brown  
Mr. Raul R. Herrera  
Mr. Joseph Hines, Student Representative to the Board

*Board Members Not in Attendance:*

Mr. Charlie W. Hill, Vice Rector  
Ms. Thursa Crittenden, Board Secretary  
Ms. Pamela A. Currey  
Dr. Daryl C. Dance  
Mr. Michael Flemming  
Ms. Jennifer Hunter  
Mr. Paul Koonce  
Mr. Xavier Richardson  
Mr. Glenn Sessoms  
Mr. James J.L. Stegmaier  
Mr. Wayne Turnage  
Mr. Gregory Whirley  
Dr. Zoe Spencer, Faculty Representative to the Board

*Administration Present:*

Dr. Makola Abdullah, President  
Dr. Donald Palm, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Mr. Kevin Davenport, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Hubert Harris, Vice President for Administration  
Dr. G. Dale Wesson, Vice President for Research and Economic Development  
Dr. Jamel Hodges, Associate Vice President for Student Success and Engagement  
Mr. Rodney Hall, Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Management  
Ms. Sheila Alves, Internal Chief Audit Executive  
Dr. Annie C. Redd, Special Assistant to the President/Board Liaison  
Mr. Eldon Burton, Director of Government Affairs

*Legal Counsel Present:*

Ms. Ramona Taylor, University Legal Counsel

*Other Attendees:*

Ms. Yourdonus James, Director of Conference Services  
Ms. Danette Johnson, Executive Assistant to the President

**OPENING REMARKS**

Rector Winstead invited Mr. Rodney Hall to offer the invocation. The Rector then introduced and welcomed Mr. Raul Herrera, new Board member, and Joshua Hines, new Student Representative.

**WELCOME**

President Abdullah shared information about the University such as the organizational structure, demographics, SWOT analysis, points of pride, and current challenges.

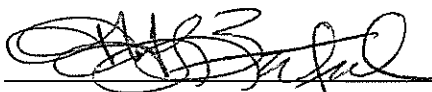
Rector Winstead and Ms. Ramona Taylor, University Legal Counsel, reviewed board documents including the following:

- Board Statement of Governance
- Board Code of Ethics
- Board By-Laws
- Board Freedom of Information Act Rights & Responsibilities (FOIA)
- The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Board Committees and Structure

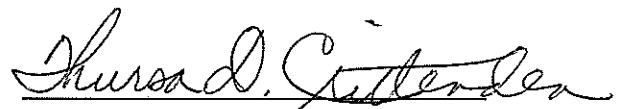
Links to the documents were included in the welcome letter sent to new members in June 2019. The document are also posted on the University website.

Rector Winstead also reviewed the committee assignments and will recommend that Mr. Herrera serves on the Facilities, Finance and Audit and the Institutional Advancement committees.

The Rector adjourned the session at approximately 12:00 noon.

  
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Huron F. Winstead, Rector

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Thursa D. Crittenden, Secretary

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