

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS**  
**FULL BOARD MEETING**  
**12:30 pm, Saturday, December 13, 2025**  
**VSU Multipurpose Center, Room 2222 (Athletics Dept)**  
***(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)***

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**Rector Victor K. Branch, Presiding**

Call to Order .....	Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector
Roll Call .....	Ms. Verndell Robinson, Secretary
Invocation	
Rector's Remarks	
Approval of Agenda	
Minutes from Previous Meetings:	
• November 21, 2025 Full Board Minutes	
President's Remarks .....	Dr. Makola M. Abdullah
Closed Session	
Announcements	
Adjournment	

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Rector Victor K. Branch called the meeting of the Virginia State University (VSU) Board of Visitors (Board) to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. in Room 2222 of the VSU Multipurpose Center (Athletics Dept.) The Rector read a statement that the Full Board meeting is available to the general public via livestream in compliance with the Commonwealth of Virginia's open meeting laws.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector  
Dr. Valerie Brown (*Absent*)  
Dr. Joseph A. F. Chase, Jr.  
Mr. Thomas Cosgrove  
Dr. Robert Denton, Jr. (*Virtual*)  
Dr. Harold Green, Jr. (*Virtual*)  
Dr. Leonard Haynes, III (*Virtual*)  
Ms. Daphne Meeks  
Mr. M. Peter McPherson  
Ms. Morenike Miles  
Mr. Jon Moore (*Absent*)  
Ms. Verndell Robinson  
Mr. Kishore Thota  
Mr. Robert Thompson  
General Dennis L. Via

Dr. Harold Green participated virtually from Richmond, VA and Dr. Leonard Haynes participated virtually from Silver Springs, MD due to medical reasons. Dr. Robert Denton participated virtually from Blacksburg, VA due to distance.

**BOARD APPOINTEES:**

Dr. Kenneth Lewis, Faculty Representative (*Absent*)  
Mr. Marquis Mason, Student Representative (*Absent*)

**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

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Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management  
Dr. Willis W. Walter, Interim Vice President for Advancement and External Engagement  
Dr. Annie C. Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board of Operations & Relations

**INVOCATION**

Dr. Joseph Chase offered the invocation.

**RECTOR'S REMARKS**

Rector Branch applauded the VSU administration for its extraordinary commitment and another beautiful Fall Commencement Ceremony. The Rector also expressed appreciation for the board members' attendance. He stated that attending graduation exercises reminds the members why they accepted the appointment to serve on the board.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Rector called for the approval of the agenda. The Committee approved the agenda by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The Rector asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. The Committee approved the previous meeting minutes from November 21, 2025 by voice vote.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Abdullah expressed appreciation to the Board members for attending the Fall 2025 Commencement Ceremony. He also expressed appreciation to Dr. Pete Stith, Chair of the Real Estate Foundation, for his participation in the ceremony and for the work he has done on behalf of VSU.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into closed session for the discussion or consideration of information pursuant to 2.2-3711(A) (3), relating to the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; namely, expansion of the University's physical footprint by acquisition of property within a ten-mile radius. The motion was made and properly seconded, and approved by voice vote.

The Rector asked for a motion to return to open session; the motion was made, properly seconded, and approved by roll voice vote.

Upon returning to the open session, the Board certified by roll call vote 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.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Rector Branch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was received and properly seconded, and the Committee voted by voice vote. The Rector adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:40 p.m.

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Victor K. Branch, Rector

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Verndell Robinson, Secretary

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