

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS  
NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION & ANNUAL RETREAT  
Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront  
3001 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
August 2-4, 2023**

**DRAFT AGENDA  
(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)**

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

**WEDNESDAY, August 2, 2023: 5:00 – 7:00 pm Welcome Reception**  
**Location: Courtney Terrace, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

**THURSDAY, August 3, 2023 - Session I**  
**Location: Peacock Ballroom Salon C, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

*(All times are approximate)*

**8:00 - 8:45 am Breakfast**

**9:00 – 9:30 am**

- Opening Remarks.....Rector Valerie K. Brown
- Roll Call..... Pamela A. Currey,  
Board Secretary
- Invocation
- Introductions .....Rector Valerie K. Brown
  - Introduction of Board Officers and New Board Members
  - Introduction of President Makola M. Abdullah

**9:30 – 10:15 am**

- Fireside Chat with Ken Ampy, Chair of the SCHEV Council & Member & Former Member of Old Dominion University Board

**10:15 – 10:30 am BREAK**

**10:30 - 11:00 am**

- Introduction of Continuing Board members

**11:00 – 11:45 am**

- Telling the Virginia State University Story.....President Makola M. Abdullah
  - Introduction of the VSU Leadership Team

**12:00 – 12:45 pm**

***Lunch is Served - Peacock Foyer***

**1:00 – 2:30 pm**

- Roundtable Conversations with the VSU Leadership Team
  - Tia Minnis, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
  - Kevin Davenport, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration
  - Tonya S. Hall, Vice President for External Relations
  - Shawri King-Casey, Vice President for Institutional Integrity & Compliance
  - Tanya Simmons, Associate Vice President for Human Resources
  - Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Enrollment & Student Success

**3:00 – 4:00 pm**

- Travel to the Signet Center, Chesapeake, VA Transportation provided by Agape Traveling Tours Company

**4:00 – 8:30 pm**

- Dinner and entertainment at the Signet Center, 884 Bells Mill Road, Chesapeake, VA Hosted by Rector Valerie K. Brown

**8:30 – 9:30 pm**

- Return to the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, VA

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023 – Session II**

**Location: Peacock Ballroom Salon C, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

*(All times are approximate)*

**8:00 – 8:45 am** Breakfast

**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

- Opening Remarks.....Rector Valerie K. Brown
- Roll Call.....Pamela A. Currey,  
Board Secretary
- Invocation
- State of the University .....President Makola Abdullah

**(BREAK: 10:00-10:15 am)**

**10:15 – 11:00 am**

- Board Structure .....Vice Rector Shavonne Gordon
  - Officers & Committees, Board Governance Documents
- Functions and current focus of standing committees ..... Committee Chairs
  - Dr. Leonard Haynes – Chair, Academic & Student Affairs Committee

- Mr. Edward Owens – Chair, Institutional Advancement Committee
- Mr. William Murray – Chair, Facilities & Finance Committee
- Mr. Jon Moore – Chair, Audit & Compliance Committee
- Mr. Victor Branch – Chair, Personnel, Compensation & Governance Committee

- FOIA Presentation ..... Ms. Cynthia Norwood Marquez  
Senior Assistant State Attorney General

**11:00 – 12:00 pm**

- Overview of Student Success and Outcomes..... Dr. Mark Becker, President  
Association of Public Land-Grant Institutions

**12:00 – 2:00 pm**

- Working Lunch & Discussion with the President and the VSU Leadership Team – *Student Success at Virginia State University*

**2:00 – 3:00 pm**

- Wrap Up/Adjournment ..... Rector Valerie Brown  
President Makola Abdullah

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