

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
3:00 P.M.; THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
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

INVOCATION (Pastor *Seth Ahmad-McQueen, Director of Campus Ministries*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)

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

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

▪ **Approval Items:**

- Resolution for Exemplary Service – Shavonne D. Gordon
- Resolution for Exemplary Service - William L. Murray, Ph.D.
- Nominations to fill vacancies: Vice Rector, Secretary, Chair of Facilities & Finance Committee

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
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CALL TO ORDER

Rector Valerie Brown, Chair, called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. at the Gateway Dining and Events Center.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector and Chair
Mr. Victor Branch
Dr. Leonard Haynes, III
Mr. Edward Owens (electronic participation)
Mr. Jon Moore (electronic participation)

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joseph A.F. Chase, Jr.
Mr. Thomas Cosgrove
Dr. Harold Green, Jr.
Dr. Robert Denton, Jr.
Ms. Daphne Meeks
Mr. Peter McPherson
Ms. Verndell Robinson
Mr. Robert Thompson
General Dennis L. Via

Mr. Owens stated that he is participating by electronic means from South Boston, VA, due to medical reasons. Mr. Moore stated that he is participating by electronic means from Richmond, VA, due to personal reasons.

BOARD APPOINTEES:

Professor Tracy Jackson, Faculty Representative
Mr. Yousif Omer, Student Representative (absent)

LEGAL COUNSEL

Nathan Moberly, Office of the Attorney General

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President
Dr. Tia Minnis, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Kevin Davenport, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration/CFO
Ms. Tonya S. Hall, Vice President for Advancement and External Engagement
Ms. Shawri King-Casey, Vice President for Institutional Integrity & Compliance
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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INVOCATION

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The committee approved the agenda by voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – None

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Rector Brown stated that Resolutions for Exemplary Service for former board members, William Murray and Ms. Shavonne Gordon, were being presented today for approval because it was not known until June 2024 that they would not be reappointed for second terms. The Board approved a similar resolution for Ms. Pamela Currey in April 2024 because that was her official last board meeting. All three individuals would be recognized for their service at the Board's Annual Dinner to be held tonight (Thursday, September 12th).

Rector Brown presented nominees for the three vacant board offices; two occurred because of the non-reappointments: Victor Branch for Vice Rector; Kishore Thota for Secretary; and Daphne Meeks for Chair of the Facilities & Finance Committee. After some discussion, the committee voted by roll call to present this slate to the full board for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rector Brown 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 3:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Valerie KBrown
Chair

3/20/25
Date

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*Resolution of Exemplary Service
Demonstrated by*

Shavonne D. Gordon

*Member, Board of Visitors
Virginia State University*

Whereas Ms. Shavonne D. Gordon was appointed to the Virginia State University Board of Visitors by the Honorable Ralph K. Northam in July 2020; and

Whereas she served on the Virginia State University Board of Visitors with distinction for four years and owing to her broad knowledge and expertise in technology, talent acquisition, diversity, and investment banking, she served as Chair and member of the Institutional Advancement Committee; a member of the Executive Committee and the Personnel, Compensation & Governance Committee. Ms. Gordon also served as the Vice Rector of the Board for 2023-2024.

Whereas her outstanding and enthusiastic support of Virginia State University, its students, faculty, administration and staff are testaments of her sincere commitment and dedication to the welfare of the University. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Virginia State University Board of Visitors acknowledges Shavonne D. Gordon for her loyal and dedicated service to the University and the Commonwealth of Virginia and publicly and officially gives recognition and expresses appreciation to her by adopting this Resolution and directing that it becomes a permanent record of its proceedings as of the 12th day of September 2024; and be it

Resolved further, that the Secretary of the Board of Visitors presents to Shavonne D. Gordon this Resolution as an expression of the high esteem accorded her by this body, the Commonwealth of Virginia, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Virginia State University; and be it

Resolved finally, that a copy of this Resolution be encased and maintained permanently in the Archives of the University.

Valerie K. Brown

Rector

9/12/24

Date

Kate S. Slick

Secretary

9/12/24

Date

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Resolution of Exemplary Service Demonstrated by

William L. Murray

*Member, Board of Visitors
Virginia State University*

Whereas Mr. William L. Murray was appointed to the Virginia State University Board of Visitors by the Honorable Ralph K. Northam in July 2020; and

Whereas he served on the Virginia State University Board of Visitors with distinction for four years as Chair/member of the Facilities & Finance Committee; Vice Chair/member of the Audit & Compliance Committee; as well as a member of the Executive Committee and the Academic & Student Affairs Committee.

Whereas his outstanding and enthusiastic support of Virginia State University, its students, faculty, administration and staff are testaments of his sincere commitment and dedication to the welfare of the University. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Virginia State University Board of Visitors acknowledges William L. Murray for his loyal and dedicated service to the University and the Commonwealth of Virginia and publicly and officially gives recognition and expresses appreciation to his by adopting this Resolution and directing that it becomes a permanent record of its proceedings as of the 12th day of September 2024; and be it

Resolved further, that the Secretary of the Board of Visitors presents to William L. Murray this Resolution as an expression of the high esteem accorded his by this body, the Commonwealth of Virginia, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Virginia State University; and be it

Resolved finally, that a copy of this Resolution be encased and maintained permanently in the Archives of the University.

Valerie K. Braun
Rector

9/12/24
Date

John S. Solt
Secretary

9/12/24
Date