

**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, 2nd floor

THURSDAY, August 3, 2023 - Session I
Location: Peacock Ballroom Salon C, 2nd 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
- IntroductionsRector 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

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CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector, called the meeting of the Virginia State University (VSU) Board of Visitors to order in the Peacock Ballroom Salon C, 2nd Floor at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, Virginia at approximately 9:00a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Board Members Present:

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector
Ms. Shavonne Gordon, Vice Rector
Ms. Pamela Currey, Secretary
Dr. Christine M. Darden, (Absent)
Mr. Victor Branch
Mr. Thomas Cosgrove
Dr. Robert Denton, Jr.
Dr. Harold Green, Jr.
Dr. Leonard Haynes, III
Mr. Jon Moore
Mr. William Murray (Absent)
Mr. Edward Owens
Mr. Joseph A. F. Chase, Jr.
Ms. Daphne Meeks
Mr. Kishore Thota

Board Appointments

Dr. Tracy Jackson, Faculty Representative to the Board
Dr. Leonard Githinji, Faculty Representative to the Board (*absent*)
Ms. Kailyn Haye, Student Representative to the Board

Administration Present:

Dr. Makola Abdullah, President
Dr. Tia Minnis, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Kevin Davenport, Senior Vice President, Finance & Administration

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Shawri King-Casey, Vice President for Institutional Integrity and Compliance
Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Enrollment & Student Success
Ms. Tanya S. Hall Vice President for External Relations
Ms. Tanya L. Simmons, Associate Vice President for Human Resources
Dr. Annie C. Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board Governance, Operations, & Relations

Legal Counsel Present:

Cynthia Norwood-Marquez, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Other Attendees:

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Tina Cabrera, President's Office
Technology Services Team

INVOCATION

Rector Brown invited Bishop Joseph A. Chase, Jr. to offer the invocation.

WELCOME

Rector Brown welcomed all in attendance and gave an overview of the new board members orientation and the annual retreat.

PRESENTATIONS

The President then introduced the next portion of the session, which included a Fireside Chat with Ken Ampy, Chair of the SCHEV Council & Member & Former Member of Old Dominion University Board, titled "Enrollment Trends in VA Universities".

The theme for this year is, "*Telling the Virginia State University Story: Building Greater Connections*". The goal is to tell the VSU story and to communicate its value to not only potential students, but also internal and external stakeholders including our board members (strategic plan, priority four).

INTRODUCTIONS

The Rector asked continuing/returning board members to introduce themselves followed by the new board members including the SGA representative, who shared their backgrounds, experience, and expectations. Rector Brown then proceeded to introduced President Makola Abdullah who welcomed the new and returning board members.

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Dr. Tracy Jackson, Faculty Representative and the members of the executive leadership team as were introduced by President Abdullah as follows: Dr. Tia Minnis, Interim Provost and Vice President; Kevin Davenport, Senior Vice President for, Finance & Administration; Shawri King-Casey; Vice President for Institutional Integrity and Compliance; Tanya Simmons, Associate Vice President for Human Resources; Tonya S. Hall, Vice President for External Relations; Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success; Dr. Annie C. Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board Governance, Operations, & Relations.

The President gave a brief presentation of the history of Virginia State University and held conversations about various events that happened throughout the years at Virginia State University.

CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Board members assembled in Salon C for the afternoon session with Dr. Redd serving as moderator. The session consisted of 4, 15-minute timed periods wherein the vice presidents who report to the Board Committees rotated among tables of 2-3 board members and shared challenges, successes, and the way their respective areas added value to the University.

CLOSING REMARKS/WRAP UP

Rector Brown made closing remarks and commended the VSU leadership team for their presentations and the information shared with Board members during the Orientation Session 1.



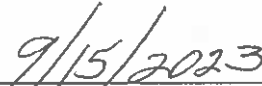
Dr. Valerie K. Brown, Rector



Ms. Pamela A. Currey, Secretary



Date



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