

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
COMMITTEE ON AUDIT & COMPLIANCE
2:45 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
Gateway Dining & Event Center
(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)**

DRAFT AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER..... Mr. Jon Moore, Chair

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION (*Rev. Thomas Wynn, Director of Campus Ministries*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)
April 23, 2026 Meeting

CLOSED SESSION(if any)

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

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approval Items: (if any)
- University Compliance Update
Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Update.....Ahmad K. Lewis
Assistant Director of Internal Audit
- Compliance and Internal Audit Update.....Ahmad K. Lewis
Assistant Director of Internal Audit
- Fiscal Year 2027 University Audit Plan.....Kendra A. White
Associate VP Institutional Integrity & Compliance

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CALL TO ORDER

Visitor Moore called the Audit and Compliance Committee to order at 2:32 pm. The meeting was held at the Gateway Dining and Events Center on the second floor.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jon Moore (*Chair*)
Ms. Daphne Meeks (*Vice Chair*)
Dr. Joseph A.F. Chase, Jr.
Mr. Robert Thompson
Mr. Baron Braswell
Dr. William Murray (*Via Microsoft Teams, traveling for business*)
Ms. Morenike Miles
Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector (*ex officio*)

BOARD APPOINTEES:

Dr. Kenneth Lewis, Faculty Representative
Mr. Zin Cambridge, SGA Representative

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Cosgrove
Dr. Robert Denton, Jr.
Mr. Peter McPherson
Ms. Verndell Robinson
General Dennis Via
Mr. Kishore Thota
Ms. Clarice Torian

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President
Dr. Tia A. Minnis, Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Ms. Joyce Wilkins, Associate VP for Budget & Finance/Interim Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Kendra White, Asst. Vice President for Institutional Integrity & Compliance
Dr. Willis W. Walter, Vice President for Advancement and External Engagement
Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, COO/Sr. VP for Student Success & Administration
Dr. Annie Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board of Operations & Relations

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Legal Counsel:

Mr. Nathan Moberley

INVOCATION

Visitor Moore invited Rev. Thomas Wynn, Director of Campus Ministries, to offer the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The committee approved the agenda by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee approved the minutes from April 23, 2026, meeting by voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President's remarks were delivered on his behalf by the Rector, due to a delayed arrival. The remarks highlighted the strong agenda for the meeting and acknowledged the presenters who would provide updates on the University's audit activities. Appreciation was expressed for Ms. White, who was scheduled to provide an update on the status of the state audit and related matters.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

EXTERNAL AUDIT STATUS AND COMPLIANCE

Ms. Kendra White reported that the Fiscal Year 2025 audit conducted by the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) is in its final stages. She noted that the APA began its review in January 2026 and is currently preparing its final report. The University anticipates receiving the report for management review in mid-to-late September 2026 and expects to invite the auditors to present their findings at a Board meeting in November 2026.

Ms. White also provided an update on the University's compliance function and introduced Nikeita Ashe, Director of Compliance. Ms. Ashe is a Virginia State University alumna who holds a Juris Doctor degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law and will bring additional compliance expertise to the University's audit and compliance efforts.

The Committee discussed the University's ongoing relationship with the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA). University leadership reported that communications with the APA remain productive and collaborative, while noting that resource constraints within the state audit office have contributed to extended audit timelines. The discussion also included efforts to address prior audit findings, particularly through the review and enhancement of University policies and procedures to strengthen compliance and accountability.

FISCAL YEAR 2027 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

Mr. Ahmad Lewis, Assistant Director, Internal Audit, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Internal Audit Plan. The plan includes reviews of carry-over audit items, employee separations, enrollment processes, policies and procedures, technology systems, and third-party service providers. Following discussion, the Committee approved the audit plan and recommended its submission to the full Board for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

APPROVED:
