

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS**  
**NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION**  
**Thursday; August 5, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**

*Gateway Dining & Event Center, Second floor salons*  
*2804 S. Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd. (On the campus of Virginia State University)*

**DRAFT AGENDA**

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.*      Call to Order..... Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector
- Invocation (*Pastor Jasmyn Graham, Director of Campus Ministries*)
- Welcome and Introductions ..... Rector Brown
- New Board Members
    - Mr. Jon Moore
    - Mr. Edward Owens
- 9:15 am – 10:15 am*      Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) ..... Ms. Deborah Love  
Senior Asst. Attorney General/Chief, Education Section  
Office of the Attorney General
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am*      Review of Board Documents/Materials..... Rector Brown
- *Board By-Laws*
  - *Board Statement of Governance*
  - *Board Code of Ethics*
  - *Board Freedom of Information Act Rights & Responsibilities*
- Board Committee Structure/Functions, Membership
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am*      Welcome.....Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President
- Welcome to Virginia State University
  - Introduction of VSU Executive Leadership Team
- 11:00 a.m.- 11:10 a.m.*      Adjournment
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.*      **Campus Tour – New BOV Member(s)**  
Conducted by Ms. Jane Harris, Asst. Vice President,  
Facilities and Capital Outlay
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.*      **Meet and Greet new Board Members and new Board Officers**  
*Gateway Dining & Event Center, President’s Dining Room*

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector, called the New Board Member Orientation session to order in the Gateway Dining and Event Center on the campus of Virginia State University at approximately 9:00 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

*Board Members Present:*

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector  
Mr. Glenn Sessoms, Vice Rector  
Dr. Christine M. Darden, Board Secretary  
Mr. William L. Murray  
Mr. Jon Moore  
Mr. Edward Owens  
Dr. Ceslav Ciobanu, Faculty Representative to the Board

*Board Members Not in Attendance:*

Ms. Thursa Crittenden  
Ms. Pamela Currey  
Mr. Michael Flemming  
Ms. Shavonne Gordon  
Mr. Charlie W. Hill  
Mr. Raul Herrera  
Mr. Xavier Richardson  
Mr. James J.L. Stegmaier  
Mr. Wayne Turnage  
Mr. Kameron Gray, Student Representative to the Board

*Administration Present:*

Dr. Makola Abdullah, President  
Dr. Donald Palm, Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Mr. Kevin Davenport, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Hubert Harris, Chief of Staff  
Ms. Tonya Hall, Vice President for External Relations  
Dr. Gwendolyn Dandridge, Director, Communications  
Ms. Shawri King-Casey, Senior Advisor-Institutional Equity, Ethics, Compliance  
Mr. David Bragg, Chief VSU Police Department/Asst. Vice President  
Dr. Annie C. Redd, Special Assistant to the President/Board Liaison

*Legal Counsel Present:*

Ms. Deborah Love, Senior Assistant Attorney General/ Chief  
Ms. Cynthia Norwood, Assistant Attorney General