

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021
4:00 P.M.

The Welcome Center @ VSU Multipurpose Center
(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)

DRAFT AGENDA

(as of 9.13.21)

CALL TO ORDER Rector Valerie K. Brown, Chair

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)

- Draft Executive Committee Minutes 3.18.21

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS Dr. Makola M. Abdullah

ACTION ITEMS:

- Resolution of Exemplary Service for Huron F. Winstead
- Resolution of Exemplary Service for Gregory A. Whirley

INFORMATION ITEM

- Call for Nominations for the position of VSU Foundation Liaison

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

***All start times for committees are approximate. Meetings may begin either before or after the posted approximate start time as committee members are ready to proceed. Meetings may also end either before or after the posted time. The Board reserves the right to change its schedule as needed.*

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector and Committee Chair, called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the VSU Welcome Center.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Executive Committee Members Present:

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector
Mr. Glenn Sessoms, Vice Rector
Dr. Christine Darden, Secretary
Ms. Pamela A. Currey
Mr. Raul Herrera
Mr. James Stegmaier (*absent*)
Ms. Shavonne Gordon

Other Board Members:

Mr. William L. Murray
Mr. Jon Moore
Mr. Edward Owens
Ms. Pamela Currey
Ms. Thursa Crittenden

Administration Present:

Dr. Makola Abdullah, President
Dr. Donald Palm, Provost/Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs
Kevin Davenport, Vice President for Finance & Administration/CFO
Hubert D. Harris, Chief of Staff
Shawri King-Casey, Senior Advisor to President for Ethics, Equity, & Compliance
Sheila Alves, Chief Audit Executive
Dr. Annie C. Redd, Special Assistant to the President/Board Liaison

Legal Counsel Present:

Cynthia Norwood, Assistant Attorney General

Other Attendees:

Yourdonus James, Office of Conference Services
Danette Johnson, Office of the President
Deborah Jefferson, Office of the President
Chris Henry, Technology Services
Corey King, Technology Services

OPENING REMARKS

President Makola M. Abdullah offered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes from the March 18, 2021 by voice vote.

RECTOR'S REMARKS

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

BOARD APPROVALS

Rector Brown presented the Resolution of Exemplary Service for Huron F. Winstead and the Resolution of Exemplary Service for Gregory A. Whirley for approval. The motion to approve the resolutions was made by Mr. Sessoms and properly seconded by Ms. Currey. The motion passed by voice vote.

Rector Brown informed the committee there is a vacancy in the position of VSU Foundation Liaison and asked for nominations to present to the full Board. The main responsibilities would be to attend VSU Foundation meetings and report back to the Board. Mr. Jon Moore expressed interest in the position. A motion to submit the name of Mr. Moore as the VSU Foundation Liaison was made and properly seconded. The committee voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Moore to the full Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

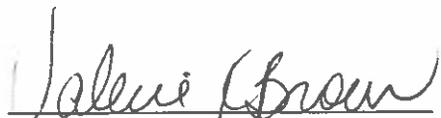
The Rector announced there will be an Executive Committee meeting scheduled during the November 2021 Board meetings. She is seeking congruence among the Chairs to avoid overlapping requests for information for staff presentations. The Rector asked the Chairs to submit suggestions for the agenda to her.

In addition, tours of the Multipurpose Center (MPC) will be available today after the Executive Committee meeting. The Board will take a group photo on Friday, September 17th at 12 noon (lobby of the MPC). The Rector also reminded board members of the Board Recognition Reception and Dinner tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the MPC on the second level.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rector adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:19 p.m.

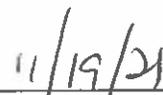
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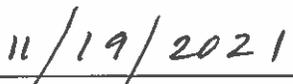
Valerie K. Brown, Rector



Christine M. Darden, Secretary



Date



Date

Virginia State University

Petersburg



Virginia

*Resolution of Exemplary Service
Demonstrated by*

Huron F. Winstead

*Member, Board of Visitors
Virginia State University*

WHEREAS, Huron F. Winstead was appointed to the Virginia State University Board of Visitors by The Honorable Bob McDonnell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in July 2013; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Virginia State University Board of Visitors with distinction for eight years, and owing to his broad knowledge and expertise in entrepreneurship, management, and business, he served as a member and Chair of the Executive Committee; member, Personnel, Compensation & Governance Committee; and member, Facilities, Finance & Audit Committee;

WHEREAS, he served as Rector of the Board from 2018 to 2021, with an exemplary commitment to the integrity of board procedures and facilitated a high level of interest, involvement, and activity among the Board members; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated model service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and higher education; and

WHEREAS, his generous and enthusiastic support of Virginia State University, its students, faculty, administration and staff are testaments of his sincere dedication to the welfare of his alma mater; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Virginia State University Board of Visitors acknowledges Huron F. Winstead for his loyal and dedicated service to the University and the Commonwealth of Virginia and publicly and officially gives recognition and expresses appreciation to him by adopting this and directing that it becomes a permanent record of its proceedings as of the 16th day of September 2021; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board present to Huron F. Winstead this Resolution as an expression of the high esteem accorded to him by this body, the Commonwealth of Virginia, faculty, staff, and 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

Valerie K. Brown, Rector

Christine M. Darden

Christine M. Darden, Secretary

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*Resolution of Exemplary Service
Demonstrated by*

Gregory A. Whirley

*Member, Board of Visitors
Virginia State University*

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory A. Whirley was appointed to the Virginia State University Board of Visitors by The Honorable Terry McAuliffe, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in July 2017; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Virginia State University Board of Visitors with distinction for four years, and owing to his broad knowledge as a certified public accountant and business acumen he served as a member of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee, and the Facilities, Finance & Audit Committee;

WHEREAS, he demonstrated model service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and higher education; and

WHEREAS, his generous and enthusiastic support of Virginia State University, its students, faculty, administration and staff are testaments of his sincere dedication to the welfare of his alma mater; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Virginia State University Board of Visitors acknowledges Gregory A. Whirley for his loyal and dedicated service to the University and the Commonwealth of Virginia and publicly and officially gives recognition and expresses appreciation to him by adopting this Resolution and directing that it becomes a permanent record of its proceedings as of the 16th day of September 2021; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Secretary of the Board of Visitors presents to Gregory A. Whirley this Resolution as an expression of the high esteem accorded to him by this body, the Commonwealth of Virginia, faculty, staff, and 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
Valerie K. Brown, Rector

Christine M. Darden
Christine M. Darden, Secretary

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