

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

3:30 p.m. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

**Gateway Dining & Events Center
(on the campus of Virginia State University)**
(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)

DRAFT AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER.....Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)

APPROVAL ITEMS:

- Exemplary Service Awards:
Dr. Valerie K. Brown; Dr. Harold Green, Jr.; Dr. Leonard Haynes, III

CLOSED SESSION.....Discussion of Life Safety Systems and Security Measures
pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(19)

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

9.3.26

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector and Committee Chair, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at approximately 2:32 PM at Gateway Dining Hall, located at 1 Hayden Drive, on the campus of Virginia State University.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector
Gen. Dennis L. Via, Vice Rector
Ms. Verndell Robinson, Secretary
Mr. Jon Moore
Ms. Daphne Meeks
Mr. Thomas Cosgrove
Mr. M. Peter McPherson
Mr. Robert Thompson

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Joseph A.F. Chase, Jr.
Dr. Robert Denton, Jr.
Mr. Kishore Thota
Ms. Morenike Miles
Ms. Clarice Torian
Mr. Baron Braswell
Mr. William Murray

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Kenneth Lewis, Faculty Representative (*absent*)
Mr. Zin Cambridge, SGA Representative

LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

Mr. Nathan Moberley, Office of the Attorney General

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. Alexi Brooks-Walter, COO/Sr. VP for Student Success & Administration
Dr. Annie Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board of Operations & Relations

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INVOCATION

Rector Branch invited Rev. Thomas Wynn, Director of Campus Ministries, to offer the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The committee approved the agenda by voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The Board considered resolutions of exemplary service honoring former Board members for their dedicated service to the Board and to Virginia State University. The resolutions recognized the service of Dr. Valerie K. Brown, Dr. Harold Green, and Dr. Leonard Haynes. Copies of the resolutions were included in the meeting materials for review.

Upon consideration, a motion was made and seconded to approve the resolutions. To formally record the action, a roll-call vote was conducted by Secretary Robinson. The motion was approved unanimously by the Executive Committee members. The resolutions were therefore adopted and approved for presentation during the evening's recognition dinner.

CLOSED SESSION

The Committee considered a motion to enter closed session pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(19) of the Code of Virginia for the discussion or consideration of information relating to reports or plans concerning the security of governmental facilities, buildings, or structures, and the safety of individuals utilizing such facilities, specifically including matters related to life safety systems and security measures.

A motion was made, with the provision that the President may request additional individuals to remain in attendance as deemed necessary. The motion was seconded and approved, and the Committee entered closed session. Staff and Faculty allowed to remain in attendance: Dr. Gwen Dandridge, Ms. Laurie Carpenter, Zin Cambridge, Joyce Wilkins, Eldon Burton, Kendra White, Tonya Simmons, Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Dr. Tia Minnis, Corey Scott, Veronica Shuford, Dale Mason, Rodney Hall, Derrick Jennings, Nikeita Ashe, Stephen, Regina Barnett-Tyler, Danny Giles, Dr. Franklin Johnson-Norwood, Dr. Willis Walter, Dr. Annie C. Redd, and Tina Cabrera.

During its closed meeting, the Board discussed only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and only those public business matters identified in the motion convening the Board in closed session.

Rector Branch asked for a motion to enter open session; Visitor Meeks made the motion, and Dr. Denton seconded the motion. The Board voted by voice vote.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Rector Branch called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made, properly seconded, and approved by voice vote. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date