

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
4:15 P.M.; THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
The Gateway Dining & Event Center
(on the campus of Virginia State University)
(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)**

**DRAFT AGENDA
(as of 11.11.21)**

CALL TO ORDER Rector Valerie K. Brown, Chair

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION (*Pastor Jasmyn Graham, Director, Campus Ministries*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)

- Draft Executive Committee Minutes 9.16.21

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS Dr. Makola M. Abdullah

CLOSED SESSION

ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Discussion regarding Level II Status Ms. Grindley Johnson
Secretary of Administration

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
NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector and Committee Chair, called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at approximately 4:15 p.m. in the Gateway Dining & Event Center.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Executive Committee Members Present:

Dr. Valerie Brown, Rector
Mr. Glenn Sessoms, Vice Rector (*electronic communication*)
Dr. Christine Darden, Secretary
Ms. Pamela A. Currey, Chair, Academic & Student Affairs
Mr. Raul Herrera, Chair, Personnel, Compensation & Governance
Mr. James Stegmaier, Chair, Facilities, Finance & Audit (*absent*)
Ms. Shavonne Gordon, Chair, Institutional Advancement

Other Board Members:

Mr. William Murray

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

The following Board member(s) participated by electronic means using Cisco WebEx.

- Mr. Glenn Sessoms located in Cordova, TN, because of personal reasons due to a conflict.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes from the September 16, 2021 by voice vote.

RECTOR'S REMARKS

Rector Brown announced that Secretary Johnson could not attend today's meeting due to a medical issue.

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PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

The Rector convened a closed meeting at approximately 4:20 p.m. pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) and 2.2-3711(A) (11) of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of promotion and tenure, sabbatical leave, of specific university employees, and/or honorary degrees and/or special awards, specifically honorary degrees. The chair requested President Makola M. Abdullah; Dr. Donald Palm, Executive VP/Provost; Dr. Annie C. Redd, Board Liaison, and Cynthia Norwood, Legal Counsel, to attend the closed meeting.

The Committee re-convened in open session at with a roll call vote that the Committee discussed or considered only those public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion(s) by which the closed meeting was convened.

The Rector asked for a motion to accept the recommendation(s) for the honorary degree as discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved:

Valerie K. Brown, Rector

Christine M. Darden, Secretary

Date

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