

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF
VISITORS COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL
ADVANCEMENT**

9:00 A.M. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

Alfred W. Harris Academic Commons

Bldg. 1st Floor

(on the campus of Virginia State University)

(*No Public Comment Period Scheduled*)

DRAFT AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER..... Dr. Valerie Brown, Chair

ROLL CALLMs. Verndell Robinson, Board Secretary

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)

- September 26, 2025 Committee Meeting

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

CLOSED SESSION (if any)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approval Items: (if any)

- Information Items:

- Largest Gift in VSU History/Current Donor Contributions..... Mr. Franklin Johnson-Norwood
Asst VP for Alumni Engagement & Advancement Services

- Comprehensive Campaign Update Dr. Willis Walter, Jr.
Interim Vice President, External Relations & Advancement

- Presidential Gala Strategy..... Dr. Gwendolyn Williams-Dandridge
Assistant Vice President for Communications

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

11.13.2025

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CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Valerie K. Brown, Chair, called the meeting of the Institutional Advancement Committee to order at approximately 9:00 am. The meeting was held at the Alfred W. Harris Academic Commons Bldg. 1st Floor.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

INVOCATION

Reverend Thomas Wynn, Director of Campus Ministries

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Valerie K. Brown (Chair)
General Dennis L. Via (Vice Rector)
Dr. Robert Denton, Jr.
Ms. Verndell Robinson
Mr. Robert Thompson
Ms. Morenike Miles
Ms. Kishore Thota (*Absent*)
Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector (ex-officio)
Ms. Brenda Stith-Finch (Chair, VSU Foundation)(*Absent*)

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jon Moore
Mr. M. Peter McPherson
Dr. Joseph A.F. Chase
Ms. Daphne Meeks
Dr. Harold Green, Jr. (*participated virtually, @ 9:18 am*)

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President
Dr. Tia A. Minnis, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Kevin Davenport, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration/CFO
Ms. Shawri King-Casey, Vice President for Institutional Integrity and Compliance
Dr. Willis W. Walter, Interim Vice President For Advancement and External Engagement
Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
Dr. Annie Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board of Operations & Relations

BOARD APPOINTEES:

Dr. Kenneth Lewis, Faculty Representative (*arrived @ 9:21 am*)
Mr. Marquis Mason, SGA Representative (*arrived @ 9:55 am*)

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair called for the approval of the agenda. The Committee approved the agenda by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, held on September 12, 2025. The Committee approved the last meeting minutes by voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dr. Abdullah expressed his sincere appreciation and extended thanks to Dr. Walter, Mr. Franklin Norwood, and Mr. Maurice Jones for their outstanding contributions to the success of Homecoming 2025.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Willis Walter gave a brief presentation on Annual Donor donations and the Institutional Advancement comprehensive campaign update.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was received, properly seconded, and the Committee voted by voice vote. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:39 am.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was received, properly seconded, and the Committee voted by voice vote. The Chair adjourned the meeting at

APPROVED:
