

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
FULL BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
Gateway Dining & Event Center, 2nd Floor
(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)
DRAFT AGENDA
Rector Victor K. Branch, Presiding

Call to Order Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector

Roll Call Ms. Verndell Robinson, Secretary
Invocation (*Rev. Thomas Wynn, Director of Campus Ministries*)

Rector's Remarks

Approval of Agenda

Minutes from Previous Meetings:
April 25, 2025 Full Board Minutes
August 7-8, 2025 Orientation & Annual Retreat Minutes

President's Report Dr. Makola M. Abdullah

Board Approval(s)
o Resolution for Exemplary Service to Edward Owens, 2021-2025

Closed Session (if necessary)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic & Student Affairs Committee
o **Approval Item(s):** None
o **Information Item(s):**

Summary of Updates

Reports from the Faculty and Student Representatives to the Board

- Dr. Kenneth Lewis, Chair of the Faculty Senate
- Mr. Marquis Mason, President of the Student Government Association

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Facilities & Finance Committee

- o **Approval Item(s):** None
- o **Information Item(s):** Summary of Updates

Institutional Advancement Committee

- o **Approval Item(s):** None
- o **Information Item(s):**
 - β Summary of Updates

Audit & Compliance Committee

- o **Approval Item(s):**
 - β Internal Audit Charter for 2025-2026
- o **Information Item(s):**
 - β Summary of Updates

Personnel, Compensation & Governance Committee

- o **Approval Item(s):**
 - β President's Contract Extension
- o **Information Item(s):**

Report of Affiliated Foundation(s)

Legal Counsel Update (*if any*)

Board Self-Assessment of its Performance

Announcements

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector, called the meeting of the Full Board to order at approximately 10:30 am. The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams at the Gateway Dining and Events Center.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Valerie K. Brown (*absent*)
General Dennis L. Via
Ms. Verndell Robinson
Ms. Kishore Thota
Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector (*ex-officio*)
Ms. Daphne Meeks
Ms. Morenike Miles
Dr. Harold Green, Jr.
Dr. Joseph A.F. Chase, Jr.
Mr. Thomas Cosgrove
Dr. Robert Denton, Jr.
General Dennis L. Via (*absent*)
Mr. Robert Thompson
Mr. Leonard Haynes III (*absent*)
Mr. M. McPherson

BOARD APPOINTEES:

Dr. Kenneth Lewis, Chair of the Faculty Senate
Mr. Marquis Mason, President of the Student Government Association

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
Dr. Willis W. Walter, Interim Vice President For Advancement and External Engagement
Dr. Annie Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board of Operations & Relations

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Rector asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. The Committee approved the previous meeting minutes by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Cosgrove, Vice Chair, provided a summary of updates from the Academics and Student Affairs divisions

Facilities and Finance

The chair, Ms. Meeks, gave an overview of the Division of Finance and Administration's updates on behalf of the committee.

Institution Advancement

On behalf of the committee, Victor K. Branch provided a summary of updates from the Division of Institutional Advancement.

Audit and Compliance

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Moore, Chair, provided a summary of updates from the Division of Audit and Compliance.

Personnel, Compensation, and Governance

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Branch, Chair, provided a summary of the President's annual evaluation.

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APPROVAL ITEMS:

- Resolution OF Exemplary Service for Edward Owens
- PPCG Recommendation re: President's Contract
- Audit Charter & Internal Audit Plan
- Resolution to Confirm Acceptance of the Dr. Valerie Brown and K.W. Brown Ministries, Inc. and Naming of Space in the Alfred W. Harris Academic Commons

Reports from the Faculty and Student Representatives to the Board

Dr. Kenneth Lewis, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presented remarks on behalf of the Faculty Senate, and Mr. Marquise Mason, SGA, presented a report of its activities.

REPORT OF AFFILIATED FOUNDATION(S)

Brenda Stith Finch, Board Chair of VSU Foundation, reported on behalf of the Foundation.

LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATE (IF ANY) – No report

BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT OF ITS PERFORMANCE

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Rector Branch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was received, properly seconded, and the Committee voted by voice vote. The Chair adjourned at approximately 12:47 p.m.

Victor K. Branch, Rector

Ms. Verndell Robinson, Secretary

Date

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