

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)
O April 24, 2025 Committee Meeting

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

CLOSED SESSION (if any)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- ☐ Approval Items: (if any)
- Information Items:
 - o Comprehensive CampaignDr. Willis Walter, Jr.
Interim Vice President, External Relations & Advancement
 - o VSU Homecoming and Other Signature Events..... Mr. Franklin Johnson-Norwood
Asst VP for Alumni Engagement & Advancement Services
 - o Annual Impact Report/President’s 10th Anniversary Gala..... Dr. Gwendolyn Williams-Dandridge
Assistant Vice President for Communications

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

9.3.2025

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector, called the meeting of the Institutional Advancement Committee 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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jon Moore
Mr. Peter McPherson
Dr. Joseph A.F. Chase
Ms. Daphne Meeks
Dr. Harold Green, Jr.
Ms. Morenike Miles

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
Mr. Marquis Mason, SGA Representative

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Mr. Nathan Moberly(*absent*)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Rector Branch requested Board approval of the resolution confirming the acceptance of Dr. Valerie Brown and K.W. Brown Ministries, Inc., along with the naming of a designated space within the Alfred W. Harris Academic Commons in their honor.

Additionally, the Committee approved the nomination of Mr. Robert Thompson as Vice Chair.

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