

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL, COMPENSATION & GOVERNANCE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026
Gateway Dining & Events Center
(on the campus of Virginia State University)
(No Public Comment Period Scheduled)**

DRAFT AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER.....Mr. Peter McPherson, Chair

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (if any)

- November 20, 2025

CLOSED SESSION

- Personnel Matters

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- The President's Evaluation Process

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Peter McPherson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order in the Gateway Dining & Events Center (second floor) at 2:45 pm, on the campus of Virginia State University.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. M. Peter McPherson (Chair)

Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector, (ex officio)

Mr. Jon Moore, Vice Chair

Dr. Joseph A.F. Chase, Jr

Gen. Dennis L. Via

Ms. Verndell Robinson (*virtual due to transportation issues*)

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Cosgrove

Dr. Robert Denton, Jr. (*Virtual due to weather*)

Dr. Leonard Haynes, III (*Virtual due to medical*)

Mr. Robert Thompson

Mr. Kishore Thota

Dr. Harold Green

Mr. Jon Moore

Ms. Morenike Miles

BOARD APPOINTEES:

Dr. Kenneth Lewis, Faculty Representative

Mr. Marquis Mason, SGA Representative

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Nathan Moberley

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. Kendra A. White, Vice President for Institutional Integrity and Compliance

Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management

Dr. Annie Redd, Chief of Staff/Director, Board of Operations & Relations

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes from the September 26, 2025, meeting by voice vote.

FACULTY SENATE

President Abdullah asked the Chair, Mr. McPherson, whether the Faculty Senate representative could deliver his scheduled seven-minute presentation. Dr. Kenneth Lewis then provided a presentation and offered remarks on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

CLOSED SESSION

The Chair asked at 2:42 pm for a motion to enter a closed session for the Discussion and consideration of personnel matters under 2.2-3711(A)(1), namely, specific items concerning personnel evaluations and institutional leadership transitions. The motion was made and properly seconded, and approved by roll call vote. The Committee went into closed session. The Chair asked for a motion to return to open session; the motion was made, properly seconded, and approved by voice vote. Staff members who were allowed to stay in closed session were Dr. Walter, Dr. Brooks-Walter, Dr. Minnis, Mr. Davenport, Dr. K. White, and Dr. Redd.

The Chair read a statement to certify that during its closed meeting, the Committee 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 call vote. The Chair asked for a motion to return to an open session; the motion was approved by roll call vote, and the open meeting resumed.

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 3:27 pm

APPROVED:

Chair

Date