

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Huron Winstead, Rector, called the New Board Member Orientation session to order in Room 310, Virginia Hall, on the campus of Virginia State University at approximately 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Mr. Huron F. Winstead, Rector
Mr. Charlie W. Hill, Vice Rector
Ms. Thursa Crittenden, Board Secretary
Dr. Valerie Brown
Ms. Pamela A. Currey (*absent*)
Dr. Daryl C. Dance (*absent*)
Mr. Michael Flemming (*absent*)
Ms. Jennifer Hunter (*absent*)
Mr. Paul Koonce (*absent*)
Mr. Xavier Richardson (*absent*)
Ms. Ruth Sandoval (*absent*)
Mr. Glenn Sessoms (*absent*)
Mr. James J.L. Stegmaier (*absent*)
Mr. Wayne Turnage (*absent*)
Mr. Gregory Whirley
Dr. Zoe Spencer, Faculty Representative to the Board (*absent*)
Ms. Gabrielle Wilks, Student Representative to the Board

Administration Present:

Dr. Makola Abdullah, President
Dr. Donald Palm, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Kevin Davenport, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Letizia Gambrell-Boone, Vice President for Student Success and Engagement
Mr. Hubert Harris, Vice President for Administration
Dr. G. Dale Wesson, Vice President for Research and Economic Development
Mr. Rodney Hall, Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Management
Ms. Pamela Turner, Director of Communications
Ms. Sheila Alves, Internal Chief Audit Executive
Dr. Annie C. Redd, Special Assistant to the President/Board Liaison

Legal Counsel Present:

Ms. Ramona Taylor, University Legal Counsel

Other Attendees:

None

OPENING REMARKS

Rector Winstead invited Mr. Charlie Hill, Vice Rector, to lead the invocation. Ms. Thursa Crittenden, Board secretary, conducted a roll call as the New Board Member Orientation is opened to all current board members.

OPENING REMARKS

The Rector introduced and welcomed Dr. Valerie Brown, new Board member, and Gabrielle Wilks, Student Representative, to the Board of Visitors. Ms. Ruth Sandoval, new Board member, and Dr. Zoe Spencer, the Faculty Representative, could not attend the session due to prior commitments.

WELCOME

President Abdullah shared information about the University such as the organizational structure, demographics, SWOT analysis, points of pride, and current challenges. Board members viewed videos that focused on the University's programs of excellence in the Student Success and Engagement Division, and the colleges of the Business, Agriculture, and Engineering and Technology.

Rector Winstead reviewed board documents including the following:

- Board Statement of Governance
- Board Code of Ethics
- Board By-Laws
- Board Freedom of Information Act Rights & Responsibilities (FOIA)
- The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Board Committees and Structure

Links to the documents were included in the welcome letter sent to new members in June 2018. The documents are also posted on the University website. The Rector invited Ms. Taylor, University Legal Counsel to speak on the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

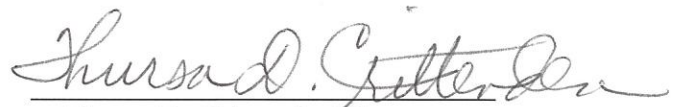
The Rector adjourned the session at approximately 12:00 noon.



Huron F. Winstead, Rector

9.21.18

Date



Thursa D. Crittenden, Secretary

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