

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Virginia State University, Virginia 23806

MINUTES  
Emergency Meeting  
Monday, November 25, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Harry Black, Rector, called the meeting of the Virginia State University ("VSU") Board of Visitors ("Board") to order in the Board Room in Virginia Hall at 1:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present.

*Board Members Present:*

Mr. Harry Black, Rector  
Mr. Willie C. Randall, Vice Rector (*via teleconference*)  
Ms. Daphne M. Reid, Secretary  
Mr. George K. Anas, II  
Dr. William C. Boshier (*arrived at 1:30 p.m.*)  
Mr. Allyn Myles Carnam  
Mr. Felix Davis, Jr. (*absent*)  
Dr. Robert E. Denton, Jr.  
Mr. Frederick S. Humphries, Jr. (*absent*)  
Ms. Catherine H. Gillespie  
Mr. Terone B. Green  
Ms. Jennifer Hunter  
Mr. E. Ray Murphy  
Mr. James H. Starkey, III  
Mr. Huron Winstead  
Dr. Rodney Gaines, Faculty Member Representative (*absent*)  
Mr. Jahliel Thurman, Student Government Association Representative (*absent*)

*Administration Present:*

Dr. Keith T. Miller, President  
Dr. W. Weldon Hill, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Michael M. Shackelford, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Mr. David J. Meadows, Vice President for Administration and Finance  
Dr. Elliott L. Wheelan, Associate Vice President for Human Resources  
Mr. Cortez K. Dial, Chief of Staff  
Ms. Joanne Curtis Taylor, Chief Audit Executive

*Legal Counsel Present:*

Mr. Roscoe C. Roberts, University Legal Counsel  
Ms. Bonnie N. Degen, Legal Assistant, University Legal Counsel  
Ms. Christy G. Brown, Paralegal, University Legal Counsel

*Other Attendees:*

Mr. Bill Carney, NBC TV12  
Ms. Caitlin Davis, Reporter, Hopewell News  
Ms. Peggy Davis, VSU Athletic Director  
Ms. Joyce Dial, President's Club and Trojan Athletic Club  
Mr. Travis Edmonds, Office of Information Technology  
Dr. Deborah Goodwyn, Associate Professor, Language and Literature  
Mr. Conaway Haskins, Government Relations  
Mr. Chris Harris, Reporter, The Richmond Times Dispatch  
Mr. Thomas Hairston  
Ms. Melissa Hipolit, WTVR TV6  
Mr. Patrick Kane, Progress Index  
Ms. Karin Kapsidelis, The Richmond Times Dispatch  
Mr. Josh Landon, Anchor/Reporter, WRIC-TV8  
Mr. Lamonn Lewis  
Mr. Kyle Majors, VSU Student  
Mr. Darius McCants, VSU Student  
Ms. Nicolle Parsons-Pollard, Associate Professor, Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice  
Mr. Thomas Reed, Director of Public Relations and Marketing  
Ms. Vanessa Remmers, Progress Index  
Mr. Rashard Rose, WTVR TV6  
Mr. Latrell Scott, VSU Head Football Coach  
Mr. Forrest Shelor, WRIC TV8  
Dr. Robert L. Turner, Executive Director, VSU Foundation  
Mr. Michael Wallace, Chief, VSU Department of Police and Public Safety  
Mr. Stuart Brown, Esquire (via teleconference)  
Mr. Robert Clayton, Investigator

**OPENING REMARKS**

Mr. Randall confirmed that he was located at 4045 Lankford Highway, Exmore, Virginia, which was fully accessible to the public as required by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

**CLOSED SESSION**

In accordance with §§ 2.2-3711(A)(1)(2)(7) and (19) of the *Code of Virginia*, the Board convened in closed session at 1:15 p.m. for personnel matters, student matters, consultation with legal counsel and security matters. The motion provided that President Miller, Dr. Shackelford, Dr. Wheelan, Mr. Dial, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Reed, Ms. Davis, Attorney Brown, Investigator Clayton, Attorney Roberts and Ms. Brown attend the closed meeting as their presence was deemed necessary to aid the Board in its deliberations.

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:55 p.m. in accordance with § 2.2-3712(D) of the *Code of Virginia*. Ms. Reid conducted the poll in which all board members certified that the Board only discussed personnel matters, student matters, security matters and consulted with legal counsel as authorized by law. All board members present certified compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

On behalf of the Virginia State University Board of Visitors, Rector Black made the following statement:

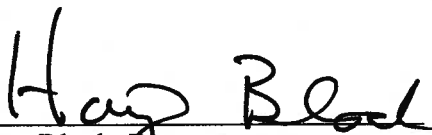
*First and foremost, the Board of Visitors extends our condolences to the family and friends of Eric Wilkins. The purpose of today's meeting was to allow the President and his staff to update the Board of Visitors on recent on- and off-campus incidents and their associated public safety ramifications.*

*President Miller has laid out a comprehensive framework through which to address these incidents, including, among other initiatives, engaging an external consultant to evaluate Virginia State University's policies and procedures as these relate to safety and security.*

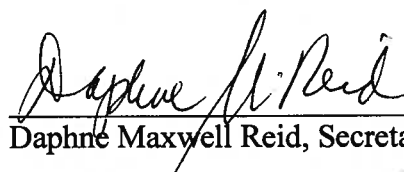
*The Board fully supports the President's efforts to ensure that our campus continues to provide a safe living and learning environment. The safety and security of our students, faculty and staff is paramount.*

*We are proud of how our students, alumni and friends have come together during these past difficult days.*

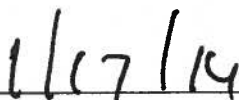
There being no further business, the Rector adjourned the meeting of the Board at 5:01 p.m.



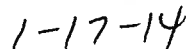
Harry Black, Rector



Daphne Maxwell Reid, Secretary



Date



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