

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Petersburg, Virginia 23806

MINUTES
Special Meetings
Monday, November 30, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Earnest J. Edwards, Rector, called the special meeting of the Virginia State University Board of Visitors ("Board") to order in the Board Room in Virginia Hall at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Earnest J. Edwards, Rector
Brigadier General (RET) Alfred J. Cade, Vice Rector
Ms. Katherine Elam Busser, Secretary (*arrived 9:15 a.m.*)
Mr. Jerry B. Bias
Ms. Erika T. Davis (*arrived 9:03 a.m.*)
Mr. Felix Davis, Jr.
Dr. Mary Hatwood Futrell (*absent*)
Mr. Christopher H. Holden (*absent*)
Mr. Richard D. Legon (*absent*)
Ms. Maureen D. Massey
Mr. E. Ray Murphy
Ms. Daphne M. Reid (*absent*)
Mr. James H. Starkey, III
Ms. Barbara Steverson
Mr. Spencer L. Timm
Dr. Ben U. Nwoke, Faculty Member Representative
Ms. Cassandra Campbell, SGA Representative

Administration Present:

Dr. Eddie N. Moore, Jr., President
Ms. Stephanie W. Hayes, Financial Policy Advisor to the President
Ms. Gwen Williams Dandridge, Administrative Policy Advisor to the President

Legal Counsel Present:

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

Other Attendees

Mr. Ronald C. Forehand, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Chief, Education Section
Office of the Attorney General of Virginia

CLOSED SESSION

Immediately, the Board convened in closed session to discuss the appointment of the University's 13th President and personnel matters relating to the current President pursuant to the personnel exemption at Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the *Code of Virginia*. The motion provided that Ronald C. Forehand, Jan Greenwood, and Marion Frenche attend the closed meeting as their presence was deemed necessary to aid the Board in its deliberations. Due to their absence, however, Jan Greenwood and Marion Frenche did not attend the closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:30 a.m. in accordance with § 2.2-3712(D) of the *Code of Virginia*. Mr. Timm conducted the poll in which all board members certified that the Board only discussed personnel matters as provided by law. All board members present certified compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

There being no further business, the Rector adjourned the first meeting of the Board at 9:38 a.m. Board members then departed the Board room on the third floor of Virginia Hall to go to the Anderson-Turner Auditorium.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Earnest J. Edwards, Rector, called the special meeting of the Board to appoint the 13th President of Virginia State University to order in the Anderson-Turner Auditorium in Virginia Hall at 9:47 a.m.

Ms. Busser conducted the roll call confirming the attendance of all members present in the first segment of the special meeting of the Board.

OPENING REMARKS

The Rector asked all present to pause for a moment of reverent silence.

Mr. Edwards spoke on the retirement of the University's 12th President, Eddie N. Moore, Jr., and acknowledged his exceptional work over his 17 year tenure.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Edwards express sincere gratitude to the 15 member Presidential Search Committee led by BG (RET) Cade, and the search firm of Greenwood and Associates for their diligence and outstanding work. Mr. Edwards gave a brief overview of the search process.

Mr. Edwards called for approval of the resolution for appointment of Dr. Keith T. Miller as the 13th President of Virginia State University. A motion for approval was made by Ms. Busser, seconded by BG (RET) Cade, and the resolution was approved by roll call voice vote.

Mr. Edwards highlighted the vita of Dr. Miller, and welcomed Dr. Miller and his family to Virginia State University.

Dr. Miller thanked the Board and the Search Committee for their efforts during the Presidential search, and reflected on President Moore's well respected work and successes at Virginia State University. Dr. Miller spoke on the importance and roles of each individual at VSU and the goal of delivering quality higher education.

Mr. Edwards called for approval of the appointment of the Presidential Transition Committee to lead the presidential transition and serve as a sub-committee to the Board of Visitors. A motion for approval was made by Ms. Busser, seconded by Ms. Steverson, and the resolution was approved by roll call voice vote. The Presidential Transition Committee will be co-chaired by Maureen D. Massey, Board member, and Robert L. Turner, Jr., VSU's Vice President of Development and acting Chief Operating Officer. The Transition Committee will include broad representation and university stakeholder groups. The 11 member committee and their affiliations are: Maureen D. Massey, Board of Visitor; Robert L. Turner, Jr., Esq., Vice President for Development and Acting Chief Operating Officer; Asmare Atalay, Research Professor, School of Agriculture; Dr. Kenneth Bernard, Chair Faculty Senate; Harrison Bonner, Chair, VSU Foundation; BG (RET) Al Cade, Vice Rector, Board of Visitors; Cassandra Campbell, President, Student Government Association; Charlyne Jackson-Field, President, VSU Alumni Association; Sandra Garner, Chair, Staff Senate; Dr. Deborah Goodwyn, Professor, Language and Literature; and Daphne M. Reid, Board of Visitor.

The committee will develop a transition plan for the Board of Visitors to approve, and execute the approved plan, which will accomplish the following: ensure an appropriate number of formal celebrations and recognition events for the current President and First Lady; ensure the new President has support for a smooth and successful start of the new administration; generate support for the new President among the many stakeholders maximizing their participation and involvement in the transition process through open and effective communication and sharing of information; and


ensure that the new President has been properly introduced to appropriate Commonwealth and local government officials, community and business leaders, donors, alumni, friends of the University, and other college and university officials throughout Virginia and the surrounding region.

An informal opportunity to meet and greet Dr. Miller and his family would follow in Jones Dining Hall.

There being no further business, the Rector adjourned the meeting of the Board at 10:10 a.m.



Ernest J. Edwards, Rector



Katherine E. Busser, Secretary

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