

WILLIAM & MARY

BOARD OF VISITORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES NOVEMBER 20, 2024 ROOM 2018-B – ALAN B. MILLER HALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Charles E. Poston, Chair
Ms. Barbara L. Johnson, Vice Chair
Ms. Ardine Williams, Secretary
Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr.

Mr. Stephen J. Huebner
Mr. C. Michael Petters
Mr. John P. Rathbone
Ms. Laura Keener Rigas (*via phone*)

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Katherine A. Rowe, President
Dr. Peggy Agouris, Provost
Ms. Carrie S. Nee, University Counsel
Dr. Carlane Pittman-Hampton, Chief of Staff
Mr. Michael J. Todd, Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration
Mr. Michael J. Fox, Clerk to the Board of Visitors
Ms. Jessica Walton, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Visitors
Ms. Molly Martin, The Flat Hat Reporter

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mr. Charles E. Poston, Rector, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Mr. Poston noted that Ms. Rigas had notified him that she was unable to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee due to a personal family matter. She asked to participate in the meeting electronically from Alexandria, VA. This request conforms with the Board's electronic meeting policy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recognizing that a quorum was present, Mr. Poston made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2024, meeting **as amended**¹ and September 25, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ardine Williams and approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Poston asked Mr. Michael J. Fox, Secretary to the Board of Visitors, to summarize the Board meeting schedule for the week.

Mr. Poston called on the Committee chairs to provide a brief overview of their respective committee's agenda for the September meeting.

Ms. Barbara L. Johnson provided an overview of the Committee on Academic Affairs agenda and spoke about the Faculty Handbook revision process. She thanked Dr. Peggy Agouris, Provost; Mr. Adam M. Gershowitz, Professor of Law; and Dr. Pamela Eddy, Professor, for their leadership in the revision process and a discussion ensued.

Ms. Stephen J. Huebner provided an overview of the Committee on Audit, Risk and Compliance agenda.

¹ The amendment clarified a motion that was made and included the Board appointed Robert R. Martinez Jr. with academic tenure

Mr. C. Michael Petters provided an overview of the Committee on Financial Affairs agenda.

Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr. provided an overview of the Committee on the Institutional Advancement agenda.

Mr. John P. Rathbone provided an overview of the Richard Bland College (RBC) Committee agenda.

Ms. Laura Keehner Rigas provided an overview of the Committee of the Student Experience agenda.

Ms. Williams provided an overview of the Committee on the Administration, Buildings and Grounds agenda.

Mr. Petters provided an overview of the Subcommittee on Compensation, which met before the Executive Committee.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Williams moved the Executive Committee convene into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Sections: §2.2-3711.A.1 for consideration of the terms of appointment and the performance of the Presidents of William & Mary and Richard Bland College and certain administrative officers; §2.2-3711.A.1 to evaluate the performance of the following Departments or Offices at William & Mary: Athletics, Advancement, IT, Facilities, Finance & Administration, Compliance & Equity, Admissions, Campus Security, Residence Life, Facilities Management, Dean of Students, Arts & Sciences, Auxiliary Services and Internal Audit where such discussion will necessary involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals; §2.2-3711.A.3 for discussion of the acquisition of real property for use by VIMS where discussion in open session would adversely impact the university's negotiating strategy; §2.2-3711.A.7 for consultation with legal counsel and briefing by staff members regarding probable litigation; §2.2-3711.A.8 for consultation with legal counsel regarding litigation risks and regulatory compliance; §2.2-3711.A.9 for discussion of fundraising activities to be performed by the institution; and §2.2-3711.A.11 for consideration of the awarding of honorary degrees to particular individuals. Motion was seconded by Mr. Stephen J. Huebner and approved by roll call vote – 8-0 – conducted by Mr. Fox.

At that time members of the Committee, President, Provost, University Counsel, and Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration entered the closed session meeting at 4:26 p.m.

RECONVENED OPEN SESSION

Following the closed session, the Committee returned to open session at 4:42 p.m. Ms. Williams moved that the Committee certify by roll call vote that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed, and only matters identified in the motion to have the closed session were discussed. Motion was seconded by Mr. Huebner and approved by roll call vote – 8-0 – conducted by Mr. Fox.

Mr. Poston made a motion that the Executive Committee advance to the full Board the adjustments discussed regarding the Presidential Housing Benefit in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Poston adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.