



THE RECTOR AND VISITORS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

August 22, 2024

The Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met as the full Board in open and closed session at 2:03 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2024. Robert D. Hardie, Rector, presided.

Present in the meeting room were Daniel M. Brody, The Honorable L.F. Payne, Rachel W. Sheridan, David F. Webb, Douglas D. Wetmore, Michael J. Kennedy, faculty representative, and Lisa R. Kopelnik, student representative.

Participating by Zoom: Robert M. Blue from Richmond VA, Carlos M. Brown from Richmond VA, Marvin W. Gilliam Jr. from Abingdon, VA, The Honorable Paul C. Harris from Arlington, VA, John L. Nau III from Jackson, WY, David O. Okonkwo, M.D. from Pittsburgh PA, Amanda L. Pillion from Abingdon, VA, and Porter N. Wilkinson from Bethesda, MD. All participated remotely for the reason that they reside more than 60 miles from the meeting location.

Members absent: Stephen P. Long, M.D. and Paul B. Manning.

Also present were James E. Ryan, Ian B. Baucom, Jennifer Wagner Davis, K. Craig Kent, M.D. (via Zoom), Susan G. Harris, Clifton Iler, Christa D. Acampora, Deputy Attorney General Rob Bell (via Zoom), Jonathan T. Blank, Kenyon R. Bonner, Brie Gertler, Kennedy Kipps, Timothy J. Longo, David W. Martel (via Zoom), Kevin G. McDonald, Margaret G. Noland, Marsh Pattie, Debra D. Rinker, Emily A. Springston, and Rachel L. Wahl.

Rector Hardie called the meeting to order, and asked Ms. Sheridan to read the motion to go into closed session.

### **Closed Session**

At 2:05 p.m., Ms. Sheridan read the closed session motion reprinted below, and after approving the motion, the Visitors met in closed session. Mr. James Ryan, Mr. Ian Baucom, Ms. J.J. Davis, Dr. K. Craig Kent, Ms. Susan Harris, Mr. Rob Bell, Mr. Jonathan Blank, Mr. Kenyon Bonner, Ms. Brie Gertler, Mr. Timothy Longo, Mr. Kevin McDonald, Mr. Marsh Pattie, Ms. Margaret Noland, Ms. Debra Rinker, Ms. Emily Springston, and Ms. Rachel Wahl were present for certain parts of the closed session.

“Mr. Rector, I move that the Board of Visitors go into Closed Session to discuss University plans for revising and implementing policies and taking other actions to protect the safety and security of persons on and around the Grounds of the University. The relevant exemption is Va. Code §2.2-3711 A (19); and consultation with outside legal counsel and legal

advice regarding the University's posture with regard to current litigation against the University where discussion in a public meeting could adversely affect the University in negotiations and litigation. The relevant exemptions are Va. Code § 2.2-3711 A (7) and (8)".

At 4:42 p.m., the Board resumed in open session, and, on motion by Ms. Sheridan, which was duly seconded, certified that the deliberations in closed session had been conducted in accordance with the exemptions permitted by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Harris called the roll, and all members present voted in the affirmative: Mr. Hardie, Mr. Brown, Mr. Brody, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Gilliam, Mr. Harris, Mr. Nau, Dr. Okonkwo, Mr. Payne, Ms. Pillion, Ms. Sheridan, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wetmore, Ms. Wilkinson, Mr. Kennedy, and Ms. Kopelnik. The certification motion was as follows:

"I move that we vote on and record our certification that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and which were identified in the motion authorizing the Closed Session, were heard, discussed or considered in Closed Session."

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**ACTION ITEM**

The following resolution was approved during open session. Ms. Harris called the roll, and all members present voted in the affirmative: Mr. Hardie, Mr. Brown, Mr. Brody, Mr. Gilliam, Mr. Harris, Mr. Nau, Dr. Okonkwo, Mr. Payne, Ms. Pillion, Ms. Sheridan, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wetmore, and Ms. Wilkinson.

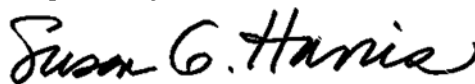
**BOARD OF VISITORS SUPPORT FOR ZERO TOLERANCE FOR HARASSMENT, BIAS, AND DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES ON UNIVERSITY GROUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Religious Diversity and Belonging Task Force examined the experiences of religious minorities at the University and the opportunities for students to learn about religious histories and cultures;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors supports University Leadership's efforts to continue work already underway and directs the Academic and Student Life Committee to consider additional actions to ensure that there is zero tolerance for harassment, bias, and discrimination based on religious differences on University Grounds.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan G. Harris  
Secretary

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These minutes have been posted to the University of Virginia's Board of Visitors website.  
<http://bov.virginia.edu/public-minutes>