



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF EASEMENTS
REQUIRED FOR APPROVED PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, §23.1-1301 (B)(2) of the *Code of Virginia* (Virginia Code) grants the Board of Visitors of William and Mary in Virginia authority to grant easements for roads, streets, sewers, waterlines, electric and other utility lines, or other purposes on any of its property;

WHEREAS, Virginia Code §2.2-1150(C) grants Richard Bland College ("the College") the ability to convey an easement pertaining to any property the College owns or controls provided the institution meets certain provisions found in Virginia Code §23.1-1002;

WHEREAS, the College meets all requirements and provisions as outlined in in Virginia Code §23.1-1002, including to actively contribute to efforts to stimulate the economic development of the Commonwealth and the area in which the institution is located;

WHEREAS, Richard Bland College's main campus and surrounding area are real estate primarily titled in the name of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary;

WHEREAS, the College has initiated strategic partnerships in fulfillment of its educational mission as contemplated in the 2021 and 2022 Appropriations Act language, including the development of currently unused land for education, research, economic development and other uses that complement and support the mission;

WHEREAS, some of these strategic partnerships require electric and other utilities and the College's current easements with utility companies are insufficient to meet the current and expected need; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors, having been presented information on the various strategic partnerships and projects and changes to the land use plan, agrees that conveying utility easements and right of ways would be beneficial and consistent with the College's various future goals and plans:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to approval as to form needed by the Office of the Attorney General, the Board of Visitors approves and delegates authority to the College's President to grant and convey utility and other easements necessary to support approved projects, including but not limited to easements related to RBC's relationship with DroneUp; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Board.