

# WILLIAM & MARY

BOARD OF VISITORS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023  
BOARDROOM – BLOW MEMORIAL HALL

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Hon. Charles E. Poston, Chair  
Ms. Barbara L. Johnson, Vice Chair  
Ms. Ardine Williams, Secretary

Mr. S. Douglas Bunch  
Mr. C. Michael Petters  
Mr. John P. Rathbone

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ms. Cynthia E. Hudson

## **OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr.

Mr. Stephen J. Huebner

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Katherine A. Rowe, President  
Dr. Peggy Agouris, Provost  
Ms. Carrie S. Nee, University Counsel  
Dr. Carlane J. Pittman-Hampton, Chief of Staff  
Mr. Michael J. Fox, Secretary to the Board of Visitors  
Ms. Jessica Walton, Deputy Secretary to the Board of Visitors  
Mr. Tyler Cattini, Office of the President Intern  
Members of the Flat Hat Staff

## **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Mr. Charles E. Poston, Rector, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. and welcomed all who were present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recognizing that a quorum was present, Mr. Poston made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023, and May 18, 2023, meetings. Motion was seconded by Ms. Ardine Williams, and approved by voice vote.

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

## **GENERAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Poston asked committee chairs who were present 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.

Mr. John P. Rathbone, Vice Chair of the Committee on Audit, Risk and Compliance, provided an overview of the committee's agenda.

Mr. C. Michael Petters provided an overview of the Committee on Financial Affairs agenda. Ms. Williams provided an overview of the Committee on Administration, Buildings and Grounds agenda.

Mr. Rathbone provided an overview of the Richard Bland College Committee that met prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee, and noted the action items that will be presented to the Board of Visitors for approval.

Mr. S. Douglas Bunch provided an overview of the Committee on Institutional Advancement agenda.

Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr. provided an overview of the Committee on the Student Experience agenda.

Dr. Katherine A. Rowe, President of William & Mary, spoke about the history of the university's dashboard, and provided an overview of discussions between members of the Board and administration over the past year that led to the introduction of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) at this meeting. President Rowe presented an overview of KPIs and their role in viewing health metrics of the institution and strategy. She said that the chairs of each committee will provide a consensus of their respective committee and ask William & Mary staff to refine the draft KPIs. President Rowe said that the KPIs will be brought back to the Board in November for consideration to be rolled up into one dashboard.

#### **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 performance of the Presidents of William & Mary and Richard Bland College and the members of their cabinet/leadership team, which will necessarily involve discussion of specific individuals; §2.2-3711.A.1 for consideration of the appointment, promotion or performance of individual faculty or administrative officers; §2.2-3711.A.2 for discussion of disciplinary matters that would require the disclosure of information in an individual student's scholastic record; §2.2-3711.A.5 for discussion concerning a prospective business in the greater Williamsburg area where no previous announcement has been made of the enterprise's interest in locating in the community; §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. Bunch and approved by roll call vote – 6-0 – conducted by Mr. Fox. Ms. Cynthia E. Hudson was not present for the meeting.

At that time the Committee and Board members, President, Provost, and University Counsel entered the closed session meeting at 3:57 p.m.

#### **RECONVENED OPEN SESSION**

Following the closed session, the Committee returned to open session at 4:12 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. Bunch and approved by roll call vote – 6-0 – conducted by Mr. Fox. Ms. Cynthia E. Hudson was not present for the meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Poston adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.