

WILLIAM & MARY

BOARD OF VISITORS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2023

ALAN B. MILLER HALL – ROOM 2018B

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Charles E. Poston, Chair
Ms. Barbara L. Johnson, Vice Chair
Ms. Ardine Williams, Secretary
Mr. S. Douglas Bunch

Mr. James A. Hixon
Ms. Cynthia E. Hudson
Mr. John P. Rathbone

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Stephen J. Huebner
Mr. C. Michael Petters

Ms. Laura Keehner Rigas

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Katherine A. Rowe, President
Dr. Peggy Agouris, Provost
Ms. Jackie Ferree, Interim Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Carrie Nee, University Counsel
Mr. Michael J. Fox, Secretary to the Board of Visitors
Ms. Jessica L. Walton, Deputy Secretary to the Board of Visitors
Members of the Flat Hat Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Charles E. Poston, Rector, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. and welcomed all who were present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recognizing that a quorum was present, Mr. Poston asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Poston, seconded by Mr. John P. Rathbone, and approved by voice vote.

GENERAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Poston provided an update on the legislation that would transition Richard Bland College to an independent governance structure.

Dr. Katherine A. Rowe, President of William & Mary, provided an update on legislation impacting William & Mary during the legislative session. She reported that William & Mary has requested the Governor and General Assembly appropriate funds for renovations to the historic campus – specifically to replace the roofs of the Sir Christopher Wren Building and President’s House.

Mr. Poston asked committee chairs who were present to provide a brief overview of their respective committee’s agenda for the February meeting.

Ms. Barbara L. Johnson provided an overview of the Committee on Academic Affairs agenda and pending action items.

Ms. Cynthia E. Hudson provided an overview of the Committee on Audit, Risk and Compliance agenda.

Mr. James A. Hixon provided an overview of the Committee on Financial Affairs agenda.

President Rowe provided an overview of the Committee on the Student Experience and announced there will be a statewide Mental Health Forum at William & Mary in March.

Mr. John P. Rathbone provided an overview of action items passed by the Richard Bland College Committee who met immediately before the Executive Committee.

Mr. Poston told the Committee a hand carry resolution regarding Freedom of Expression will be brought before the full Board on Friday. He noted this is an action requested by the Governor of all higher education institutions in the Commonwealth.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Williams moved the Executive Committee convene into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Sections: §2.2-3711.A.1 to evaluate the terms of appointment and performance of the presidents and senior leadership of William & Mary and RBC and the promotion and tenure of faculty at William & Mary; §2.2-3711.A.3 to consider the terms for the disposition of real property held by Richard Bland College consistent with its updated master plan; §2.2-3711.A.7 and A.8 for consultation with legal counsel regarding pending and anticipated litigation, contract and regulatory matters; and § 2.2-3711.A.19 for discussion of reports or plans related to the security of buildings on the historic campus. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rathbone and approved by roll call vote – 7-0 – conducted by Mr. Michael J. Fox, Secretary to the Board of Visitors.

At that time the Committee and Board members, President, Provost, Interim Chief Operating Officer, and University Counsel entered the closed session meeting at 4:46 p.m.

RECONVENED OPEN SESSION

Following the closed session, the Committee returned to open session at 5:01 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 Ms. Johnson and approved by roll call vote – 7-0 – conducted by Mr. Fox.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Poston adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.