



**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
March 22, 2024
James Branch Cabell Library
901 Park Avenue – Room 303
Richmond, VA**

MINUTES

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Todd Haymore, *Rector*
Mr. Andy Florance, *Vice Rector*
Mr. H. Benson Dendy III

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Ellen Fitzsimmons
Ms. Carmen Lomellin
Rev. Tyrone Nelson
Mr. Keith Parker

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Chelsea Gray, *Executive Director of Board and Executive Operations*
Ms. Stephanie Hamlett, *University Counsel*
Mr. David Litton, *Interim Executive Director for Audit and Compliance Services*
Members of the President's Cabinet
Members of the Media via livestream

CALL TO ORDER

Rector Todd Haymore called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. The public was able to view the open session of the meeting via livestream at <https://mssvideo.vcu.edu/BOV>.

ACTION ITEMS

Rector Haymore acknowledged the agenda for the meeting includes nominations for Rector for fiscal year 2025, nominations for Vice Rector and fiscal year 2025, and the nominations for secretary for fiscal year 25. Per the bylaws of the nominating committee shall make its recommendation for the Rector at the first regular board meeting of the calendar year, which is this meeting. And he suggested going ahead and voting for the Vice Rector and Secretary as well. He continued by saying that he spoke with the members of the committee individually before the meeting and appreciated their input. With that, he recommended that the board keep the Rector and Vice Rector as is. He recognized Dr. Tonya Parris-Wilkins for her role as Secretary over the last year and her contributions to the board. She informed him and others that

she is not going to seek reappointment at this time. He thanked Tonya for her commitment to the board and VCU. With that, a Secretary of the board must be considered. Taking input from members over the last year who have expressed interest in potential leadership opportunities on the board, Ms. Ellen Fitzsimmons has said that she is willing to serve. He opened the floor for discussion amongst the committee members.

With there being no further discussion, on a motion duly made and seconded the committee unanimously approved to recommend Ms. Ellen Fitzsimmons to serve as Secretary for fiscal year 2025.

On a motion duly made and seconded the committee approved to recommend Mr. Andy Florance as Vice Rector for fiscal year 2025. Mr. Andy Florance abstained from the vote.

On a motion duly made and seconded the committee approved to recommend Hon. Todd Haymore as Rector for fiscal year 2025. Hon. Todd Haymore abstained from the vote.

He concluded by saying that these recommendations will be brought to the full board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Rector Haymore, adjourned the meeting at 8:08 a.m.