



**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
9:15 AM<sup>1</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2023  
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ROOM B3187  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **Dr. Dale Jones, Chair**  
**2 minutes (9:15-9:17 a.m.)**
  
2. **ACTION ITEMS:** **Dr. Dale Jones, Chair**  
**15 minutes (9:17-9:32 a.m.)**
  - a. May 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes
  - b. Facilities, Real Estate and Administration Committee  
Charter and Meeting Planner
  - c. Request for Approval of Demolition:
    - i. Arts and Innovation Academic Building Site,  
501 & 535 West Broad Street and 201 North  
Belvidere Street
    - ii. Athletic Village Site, 2601, 2709, 2801 & 2901  
Hermitage Road and 2700 Hardy Street
  
3. **REPORT FROM VICE PRESIDENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATION** **Dr. Meredith Weiss, Vice  
President for Administration**  
**20 minutes (9:32-9:52 a.m.)**
  - a. ONE VCU Master Plan Implementation
  
4. **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:** **Dr. Dale Jones, Chair**  
**3 minutes (9:52-9:55 a.m.)**  
For Informational Purposes Only:
  - a. Capital Projects Update
  
5. **CLOSED SESSION – Freedom of Information  
Act Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3)** **Dr. Dale Jones, Chair**  
**15 minutes (9:55-10:10 a.m.)**
  
6. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION  
AND CERTIFICATION** **Dr. Dale Jones, Chair**  
**2 minutes (10:10-10:12 a.m.)**

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<sup>1</sup> The start time for the Board of Visitors meeting is approximate only. The meeting may begin either before or after the listed approximate start time as Board members are ready to proceed.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**  
**10:13 a.m.**

**Dr. Dale Jones, Chair**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**  
**10:14 a.m.**

**Dr. Dale Jones, Chair**

*In accordance with the Board's operating procedures and in compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, there will be no opportunity for public comment at this meeting.*

**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY  
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**FACILITIES, REAL ESTATE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE CHARTER**

**I. PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of the Facilities, Real Estate and Administration Committee (Committee) is to assist the Board of Visitors (BOV) in fulfilling its responsibilities related to oversight of the following areas:

- Facilities and Real Estate
- Human Resources
- Safety and Risk Management
- Sustainability
- Technology Services
- VCU Police and Emergency Preparedness

VCU senior leadership is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the University under the governance of the BOV and consistent with the authority delegated by the BOV.

**II. COMPOSITION AND INDEPENDENCE**

The Committee will consist of three or more Visitors. In addition to complying with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Conflict of Interest laws and any University policies, each member must be free from any financial, family or other material personal relationship that, in the opinion of the Board or the Committee, would impair the member's independent judgment. Committee members should also refrain from activities that could be reasonably viewed as unethical or contrary to the institutional mission.

**III. RESPONSIBILITIES**

In performing its oversight responsibilities, the Committee shall:

**A. General**

1. Annually review this charter and update it as necessary.
2. Maintain minutes of all meetings.
3. Report Committee recommendations to the BOV, with such amplifying information as the Committee may deem appropriate.
4. Meet in closed session with external auditors and/or the Vice President for Administration (with or without members of senior management present), as permissible by state law and as the Committee deems appropriate, to discuss confidential matters.

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#### B. Facilities Planning and Real Estate

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7. Review a ONE VCU Master Plan Implementation Update twice a year.

#### C. Emergency Preparedness, Safety and Well-being

1. Review and recommend approval of plans pertaining to emergency preparedness and campus security (e.g., Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan) every four years.

#### D. Administration Updates

1. Review annually a Human Resources Update and Metrics.
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- ~~Emergency preparedness~~
- ~~Facilities planning, design, construction and renovation~~
- Human Resources
- ~~\Real estate transactions acquisitions, and the disposition and demolition of University-owned land~~
- Safety and Risk Management
- Sustainability
- Technology Services
- VCU Police and Emergency Preparedness

~~Therefore, the Committee is responsible for recommending, for approval by the BOV, Major Capital Projects as defined in the BOV's Management Agreement, contracts in which the value exceeds or can be reasonably expected to exceed \$5 million, as well as the acquisition or disposition of University-owned real property, all capital leases, and the demolition of University-owned property.~~

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<b>A. General</b>							
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Capital Plan (spring of odd years) and all amendments thereto.							
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7. Review a ONE VCU Master Plan Implementation Update.			X	X		X	
<del>8. Review a Building and Grounds Report</del>			<del>X</del>		<del>X</del>		<del>X</del>
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<del>7. Building and Grounds Report and Metrics</del>			<del>X</del>		<del>X</del>		<del>X</del>

**Request for Approval of Demolition**  
Arts and Innovation Academic Building Site  
501 & 535 West Broad Street and 201 North Belvidere Street

**Background**

VCU seeks approval for demolition of the following properties, as required by VCU's Management Agreement:

- 501 West Broad Street - The former McDonald's Restaurant was built in 1973 and was operated until 1996 when it was converted into the New York Chicken Restaurant. It is not currently in use.
- 535 West Broad Street - The former Hess Gas Station outbuilding was built in 1968 and was operated until 2014. It is not currently in use.
- 201 North Belvidere Street - The structure was built in 1983 and operated as Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics until 2009 when it was renovated and converted into the Ram Bikes Building. The VCU functions that currently occupy this building will relocate before demolition is scheduled to begin.

**Considerations**

The three properties comprise the project site for the VCU Arts and Innovation Academic Building. The Board of Visitors approved the resolution to acquire these three properties from the VCU Real Estate Foundation in May 2023. The demolition will take place after the ownership transfer is complete.

**Cost and funding**

The estimated cost to demolish all three existing structures is \$198,934. This cost is included in the state-approved capital funding to construct the Arts and Innovation Academic Building.

**Recommendation**

Approve the request to demolish the three existing structures at 501 West Broad Street, 535 West Broad Street and 201 North Belvidere Street after the ownership transfer is complete.

## **Request for Approval of Demolition**

Athletic Village Site

2601, 2709, 2801 and 2901 Hermitage Road and 2700 Hardy Street

### **Background**

VCU seeks approval for demolition of the following VCU-owned properties, as required by VCU's Management Agreement. The five properties comprise the project site for the VCU Athletic Village. Demolition will occur in phases that align with the four phases of the Athletic Village development.

- Athletic Village Phase 1:
  - 2601 Hermitage Road - The former Salvation Army facility (construction date unknown) was operated until 2020. It is not currently in use.
  - 2700 Hardy Street - The former James River Distillery was built in 1946 and was operated until 2021. It is not currently in use.
  - 2709 Hermitage Road - The former Greyhound bus maintenance facility was built in 1946 and was operated until 2020. It is not currently in use.
  
- Athletic Village future phases:
  - 2801 Hermitage Road - The former West End Printing Company was built in 1950 and was operated until 2020. It is not currently in use.
  - 2901 Hermitage Road - The former Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control warehouse and headquarters was built in 1989 and was operated until 2021. It is not currently in use.

### **Considerations**

Demolition for VCU Athletic Village Phase 1: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields will begin late fall 2023. The remaining phases are not yet scheduled.

### **Cost and funding**

The estimated cost of demolition for VCU Athletic Village Phase 1: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields is \$1.3M and will be paid with VCU Athletics funds. Combined demolition costs for future phases are estimated to be \$2.8M and will be included in the respective project budgets established for each phase, which the board will review and approve before project initiation.

### **Recommendation**

Approve the request to demolish the five existing structures at 2601, 2709, 2801 and 2901 Hermitage Road and 2700 Hardy Street.

# Report from the Vice President



ONE VCU  
MASTER PLAN

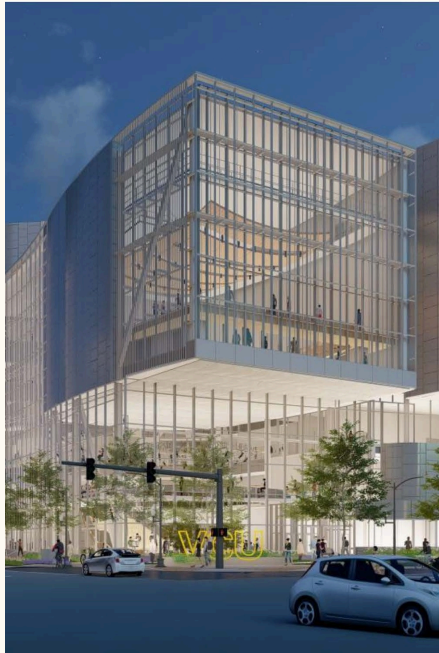
Update



# Where we are



STEM Building  
*Complete*



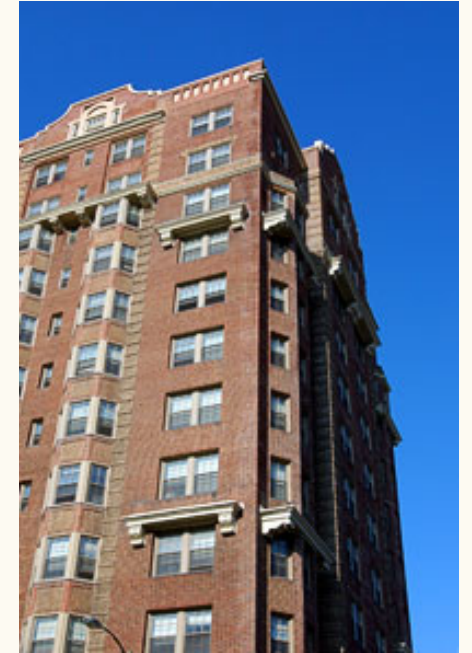
Arts & Innovation  
Academic Building  
*Planning phase;  
construction estimated to  
begin late 2023*



Technology  
Operations Center  
*Under construction;  
estimated completion  
December 2023*



Athletic Village  
*Planning phase;  
preliminary design for  
Phase I: Track and Field  
Stadium and Practice  
Fields is underway*

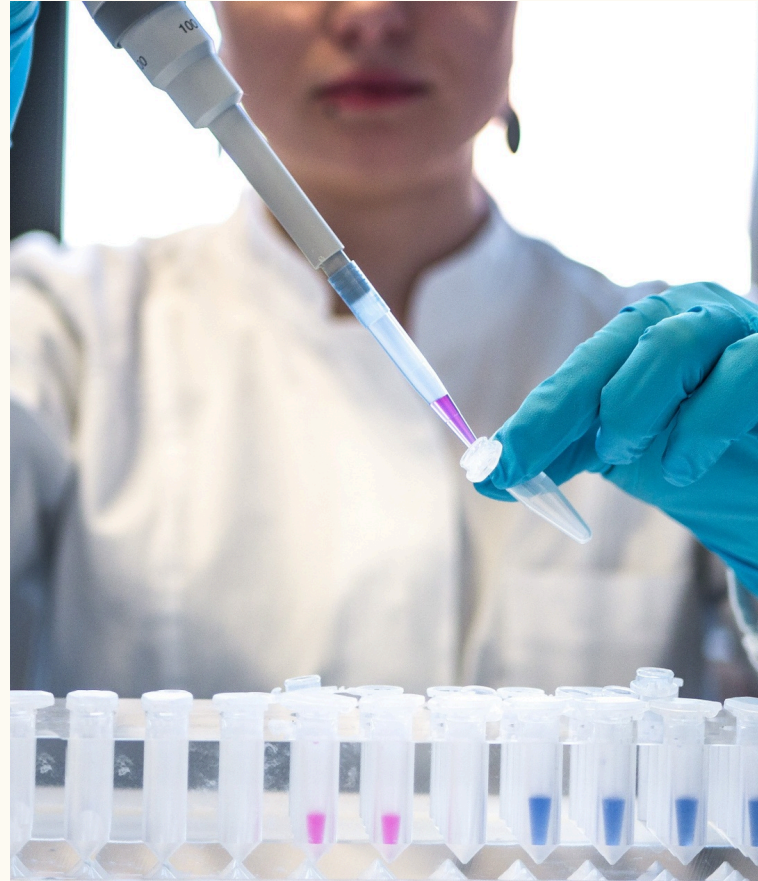


Johnson Hall  
renovation  
*Pre-planning underway*

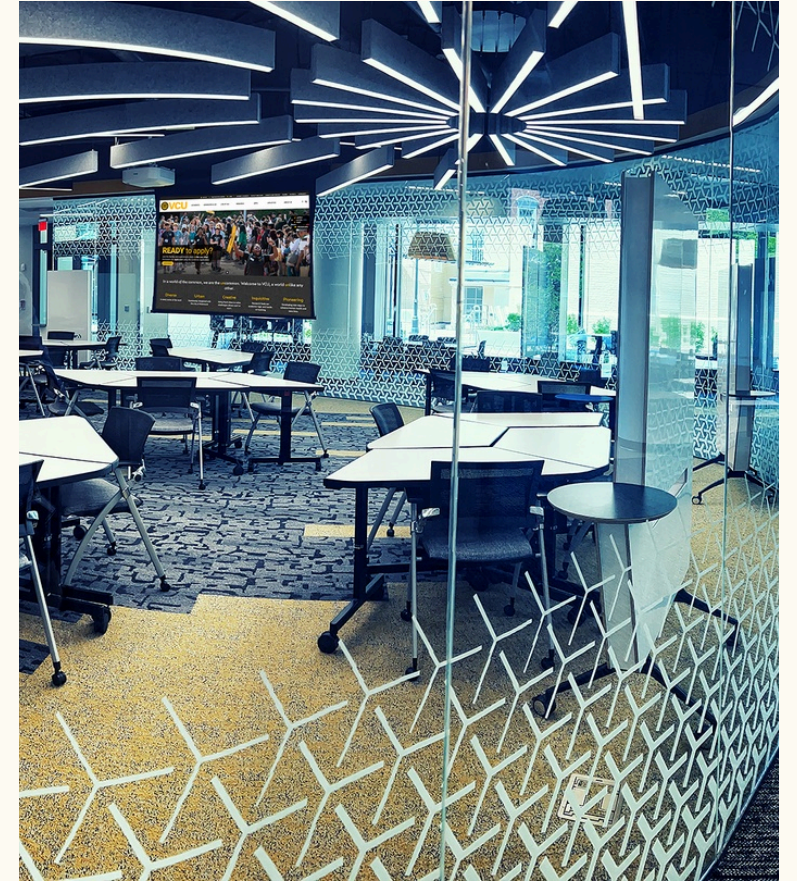
# Where we are going



Dentistry Center



Research Building



Transformative Learning Space &  
Laboratory Building

# Front doors & streetscapes: Phase III



Cary & Belvidere



Leigh & 12th



Broad & College



Broad & 10th

# Capital projects timeline

## Board of Visitors Approvals



# Capital projects

Status of Board of Visitors approvals for active projects

	Start	1	2	3	4	5	Complete
		One VCU Master Plan	2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Plan	Project initiation	Contracts & real estate transactions	Project plans	Construction status
Technology Operations Center			✓	✓ 10/2021	✓	✓	On time/budget
Arts & Innovation Academic Building		✓	✓	✓ 05/2019		✓	On time/budget
VCU Dentistry Center		✓	✓	✓ 03/2023			
Athletic Village Phase I		✓	✓	✓ 05/2023			
Research Building		✓	✓				
Transformative Learning Space & Laboratory Building		✓	✓				
Johnson Hall renovation		✓	✓				
Athletic Village Phase II		✓	✓				
Front doors & streetscapes: Phase III		✓	✓				
Honors Housing		✓	✓				

**Board of Visitors**  
**September 15, 2023**  
Major Capital Projects Update

## Projects under construction

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### **Technology Operations Center**

Architect/engineer: PSH+  
Budget: \$31.3M  
Funding source: University debt

Biennium: 2022-2024  
Contractor: Mark Turner  
Status: On schedule (December 2023 estimated completion date)

Description:

The 28,000 square foot facility is being constructed at 707 West Broad Street adjacent to the Technology Administration Building. The new facility will replace technology operations currently taking place at the state-owned Pocahontas Building. In April 2021, the Commonwealth of Virginia informed the university that it must vacate the Pocahontas Building by December 2023 to provide a site for the proposed Virginia Supreme Court Building. The new Technology Operations Center will serve as the primary data center and network operations hub for both the Monroe Park and the Academic Medical Center campuses, as well as the telecommunications hub for VCU Health. As such, it will directly or indirectly support all of VCU's and much of VCU Health's critical operations.

Progress:

The exterior concrete panels have been installed along with all major mechanical equipment on the roof. Interior framing and systems, as well as data center-specific installations, are also underway.

### **Founders Hall Building Envelope Rehabilitation**

Architect/engineer: Raymond Engineering  
Budget: \$3.2M  
Funding source: Maintenance reserve

Biennium: 2020-2022  
Contractor: SRC, Inc  
Status: On schedule (September 2024 estimated completion date)

Description:

Founders Hall is located within the Historic Franklin Street District and houses several VCU College of Humanities and Sciences units. The building is experiencing significant

water intrusion issues and requires repairs that include replacement of the roof as well as repairs to windows and the deteriorated masonry exterior.

Progress:

A refined project scope and re-issued RFP resulted in more competitive pricing which allowed for VCU to move forward with executing a contract. Construction is anticipated to begin this fall and last for one year.

## Projects in the planning phase

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### **Arts and Innovation Academic Building (AIAB)**

Architect/engineer: William Rawn Associates

Budget: \$253M

Funding source: \$232.4M will be funded by the state with the remainder funded by university funds, \$18M of which was committed by CoStar Group.

Biennium: 2022-2024

Contractor: Hourigan

Status: On schedule (August 2027 estimated completion date)

Description:

Positioned on the southeast corner of Broad and Belvidere Streets, across from the Institute for Contemporary Art at VCU and steps away from Fortune 500 companies and local startups, a new AIAB will provide a launch pad for critical digital and creative economy initiatives both on campus and in the city. The new AIAB will feature flexible classroom spaces, interdisciplinary performance venues, and makerspaces for rapidly growing partnerships across arts, business, humanities and sciences, medicine, and engineering. The new building will optimize VCU's arts innovation programs by bringing many of them together under one roof in a modern facility, replacing old and outdated buildings.

Progress:

VCU is requesting Board of Visitors approval at the September 2023 meeting to demolish the existing structures on the properties that comprise the AIAB project site as well as approval of the construction services contract, which allows initial site work to begin.

## **Athletic Village Phase I: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields**

Architect/engineer: TBD  
Budget: \$38M (estimated)  
Funding source: The sale of the Sports Backers Stadium property, private funds and short-term debt

Biennium: 2024-2026  
Contractor: TBD  
Status: Planning (June 2025 estimated completion date)

### Description:

The new outdoor track facilities and practice fields will consist of a 400 meter outdoor track with a natural turf infield to accommodate a NCAA soccer field. The outdoor track facilities, intended to replace those of the current Sports Backers Stadium, will contain seating for 2,000 spectators as well as locker rooms, concessions and storage. There will be two lighted practice fields, one of artificial turf and one of natural grass.

### Progress:

VCU is requesting Board of Visitors approval at the September 2023 meeting to demolish the existing structures on the properties that comprise the Athletic Village project site. The schematic design is complete for the entire village and preliminary design for Phase I: Outdoor Track Facilities and Practice Fields is underway.

## Upcoming priority projects

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### **Research Building**

Architect/engineer: TBD  
Budget: \$400M (estimated)  
Funding source: TBD Seeking state funding (TBD 50/50 state and university funds)

Biennium: 2024-2026  
Contractor: TBD  
Status: New project

### Description:

There is a critical need for research space on VCU's campuses. As a R1 institution with nearly \$405M in sponsored research funding (an increase of 49% in the past five years), our research enterprise is rapidly growing and is one of the fastest among Virginia universities and our peer public universities in the nation. Sanger Hall, our largest facility where research takes place, is well beyond its useful life, requires frequent emergency repairs, and offers no room for growth. Without modern research space, we run the risk of shutting down labs, losing talent and research funding, and missing economic development opportunities to attract bio/pharma companies and new startups as Richmond evolves into a formidable health innovation hub.



Progress:

This project is listed in the first biennium of the 2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Plan, which was approved by the Board of Visitors in May 2023. It is not yet authorized by the state for pre-planning.

**Transformative Learning Space and Laboratory Building**

(formally referred to as Interdisciplinary Classroom and Laboratory Building)

Architect/engineer: TBD

Biennium: 2024-2026

Budget: \$201M (estimated)

Contractor: TBD

Funding source: Seeking state funding

Status: New project

Description:

A new Transformative Learning Space and Laboratory Building is mission-critical to ensure our learners develop the knowledge and skills employers across industries are demanding to compete and succeed in a global marketplace. A new building will be designed to offer nearly 200,000 square feet of modern, flexible and adaptable space, incorporating maker and laboratory spaces and technology-enabled learning spaces – including innovative “hyflex” capabilities that allow faculty to seamlessly engage and serve both traditional and non- traditional, in-person and remote learners across geographic boundaries. Situated in the heart of VCU’s Monroe Park Campus, this facility is critical for meeting student needs, positioning VCU to meet enrollment goals in a future of increased competition, and enhancing VCU's role as a major economic driver in Richmond and the Commonwealth.

Progress:

This project is listed in the first biennium of the 2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Plan, which was approved by the Board of Visitors in May 2023. VCU is authorized for pre-planning by the state.

**VCU Dentistry Center**

Architect/engineer: TBD

Biennium: 2024-2026

Budget: \$417M (estimated)

Contractor: TBD

Funding source: Seeking state funding

Status: New project

Description:

VCU is home to the Commonwealth’s only dental school and is the only facility in the state offering complete multidisciplinary care, including oral surgery, periodontology, oral pain, oral cancer, etc. The current School of Dentistry buildings are beyond their useful life, do not meet current educational or patient care needs, have significant accessibility issues, and have deferred maintenance estimated in excess of \$75M. When the school turns away emergency care patients due to lack of adequate space, it leads to

expensive and preventable emergency room visits and loss of student educational opportunities. The proposed 314,835 square foot VCU Dentistry Center will provide state-of-the-art equipment and technology serving more than 500 students as well as maximize care for more than 100,000 patients annually from across the Commonwealth, including underserved populations. It will bring together general and specialty clinics, multiple cutting-edge academic laboratories, and associated contemporary support spaces – aligning with modern practices in dental education, enhancing patient care, advancing the academic (non-sponsored) research mission, improving faculty and student recruitment, and allowing for increased enrollment.

Progress:

This project is listed in the first biennium of the 2024-2030 Six-Year Capital Plan, which was approved by the Board of Visitors in May 2023. VCU requested state authorization for pre-planning.