



VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING
5:00 PM
DECEMBER 17, 2020
ELECTRONIC MEETING**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM

Mr. Keith T. Parker, Rector
Mr. H. Benson Dendy III, Vice Rector
Ms. Pamela K. El
Ms. Carolina Espinal
Mr. Peter Farrell
Ambassador Carmen Lomellin
Ms. Coleen Santa Ana
Mr. Stuart C. Siegel
Ms. Alexis Swann
Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar
Mr. G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Todd P. Haymore
Dr. Gopinath R. Jadhav
Mr. Edward L. McCoy, Secretary
Rev. Tyrone E. Nelson
Dr. Tonya Parris-Wilkins

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Chelsea Gray, *Assistant Secretary and Board Liaison*
Ms. Carol Ann Lawson, *Director of Strategic Initiatives, VCU Human Resources*
Mr. Mike Melis, University Counsel
Presidential Cabinet of VCU
VCU students, faculty and staff via <https://mssvideo.vcu.edu/BOV>
Members of the Media via <https://mssvideo.vcu.edu/BOV>

CALL TO ORDER

Rector Parker called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Ms. Chelsea Gray conducted a roll call to see who was present. The meeting was being held in accordance with HB29, Governor's Amendment 28: Allow policy-making boards to meet virtually during emergency declarations. The meeting was held by electronic communication means via Zoom. The public was able to view the open session of the meeting via livestream at <https://mssvideo.vcu.edu/BOV>.

Rector Parker moved that the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University convene a closed session under Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Freedom of Information Act for the discussion of personnel matters, more specifically relating to the discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for an open senior position at VCU.

The motion was seconded and was approved by a roll call vote:

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Mr. Keith T. Parker, Rector	X	
Mr. H. Benson Dendy III, Vice Rector	X	
Ms. Pamela K. El	X	
Ms. Carolina Espinal	X	
Mr. Peter Farrell	X	
Ambassador Carmen Lomellin	X	
Ms. Coleen Santa Ana	X	
Mr. Stuart C. Siegel	X	
Ms. Alexis Swann	X	
Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar	X	
Mr. G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.	X	

Following the closed session, the board members re-entered the open session. Rector Parker called the meeting to order. On motion duly made and seconded the following resolution of certification was approved by a roll call vote:

Resolution of Certification

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Mr. Keith T. Parker, Rector	X	
Mr. H. Benson Dendy III, Vice Rector	X	
Ms. Pamela K. El	X	
Ms. Carolina Espinal	X	
Mr. Peter Farrell	X	
Ambassador Carmen Lomellin	X	
Ms. Coleen Santa Ana	X	
Mr. Stuart C. Siegel	X	

Ms. Alexis Swann	X
Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar	X
Mr. G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.	X

All members present responding affirmatively, the resolution of certification was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Chelsea Gray, Assistant Secretary and Board Liaison, reminded the Board that written comments were to be received prior to the meeting via an online portal and that no responses were received. She then reminded the Board that there would be a public comment session at this meeting and that in accordance with the published procedures for public comment, no one pre-registered to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Rector Parker, adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.