



# Board of Visitors

## INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Thursday May 8, 2025

10:45 a.m.<sup>1</sup>

The Honorable Benjamin Lambert, III Board Room

1213 Clay Street

Richmond, VA

## MINUTES

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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Rooz Dadabhoy - *virtual pursuant to Code Section 2.2-3708.3(B)(4) personal matter where the member was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment - Henrico, VA*

Mr. Ed McCoy - *arrived at 10:56 a.m.*

Mr. C.J. Sailor

Mr. P2 Sandhu

Mr. Todd Haymore, *Rector*

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rev. Tyrone Nelson, *Chair*

Dr. Clifton Peay, *Vice Chair*

Mr. Anthony Bedell

### **OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Dale Jones

Dr. Ken Lipstock

Mr. Randy Reynolds

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

President Michael Rao

Mr. Edward McLaughlin, *Vice President and Director of Athletics*

Mr. Phillip Martelli, Jr., *VCU Head Men's Basketball Coach*

Ms. Chelsea Gray, *Executive Director for Board and Executive Operations*

Ms. Stephanie Hamlett, *University Counsel*

Presidential Cabinet of VCU

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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.

VCU students, faculty and staff  
Members of the Media

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Todd Haymore, Rector of the Board of Visitors, standing in for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Rector Haymore mentioned the December 13, 2024 committee minutes were posted online and in BoardEffect. On a motion duly made and seconded the minutes presented were approved unanimously. The meeting minutes are posted at <https://bov.vcu.edu/meetings/minutes/>.

### **VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS REPORT**

Mr. Ed McLaughlin, Vice President and Director of Athletics presented to the committee. He started by introducing the new head men's basketball coach, Phillip Martelli, Jr. Coach Martelli engaged in a discussion with members about his journey to VCU, and his plans for the team including prioritizing recruitment, retention, academic success and good character. The Rector and President recognized Coach Martelli and welcomed him to VCU and shared their appreciation to Mr. McLaughlin.

Mr. McLaughlin then shared the good news of student athlete competitive and academic successes - noting the indoor track team's recent success and highlighting the men's basketball team's A10 championship win and appearance in the NCAA tournament. He also spoke about the men's and women's tennis teams conference championship successes, noting that coaches for both teams are new. He then reviewed student athlete academic success - highlighting every program posted a 3.0 GPA or better for fall 2024, the average GPA for student athletes at VCU for the fall was 3.5, and the graduation rate for student athletes is 98%.

He then provided an update on the status of the House settlement, and emphasized the importance of revenue generation to support the impacts of name, image and likeness (NIL) revenue sharing. He discussed budget impacts and considerations that will be needed to manage impacts on business operations. Lastly, he spoke about the transfer portal and engaged in dialogue with members and answered questions about the changing landscape of college athletics.

A copy of Mr. McLaughlin's presentation is attached and made a part hereof.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Rector Haymore moved that the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University convene a closed session. He read the motion, which stated that the closed session would be convened under Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose or of the disposition of a publicly held real property related to the development of an Athletic Village, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect

the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body specifically related to real property to be used for Intercollegiate Athletics; and under Section 2.2 -3711(A)(29) for the discussion of the award of a public contract where discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body specifically related to a facility use contract for the department of athletics.

The motion was seconded and was approved unanimously.

Following the closed session, the public was invited to return to the meeting. Rector Haymore called the meeting to order. On a 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 Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, one, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter were discussed in the closed meeting to which the certification resolution applies and two only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened or heard discussed or considered by the committee.

| <u><b>Vote</b></u>       | <u><b>Ayes</b></u> | <u><b>Nays</b></u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Ed McCoy             | X                  |                    |
| Mr. P2 Sandhu            | X                  |                    |
| Mr. Todd Haymore, Rector | X                  |                    |

Ms. Rooz Dadabhoy and Mr. Sailor were absent from the roll call vote. All members present responding affirmatively, the resolution of certification was adopted.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Rev. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.