

**BOARD OF VISITORS**

Governance Committee Meeting

February 11, 2025

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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The Governance Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 12:35 p.m. A quorum was established with a 3-0 Roll Call Vote.

**Committee Members Present**

Dr. Katrina Chase, Secretary

**Other Board Members Present**

Mr. Dwayne Blake, Vice Rector

Mr. Jay Jamison

**Committee Members Virtual**

Mrs. Heidi Abbott, Chair

Mr. Mike Andrews

Mr. Gilbert Bland

**Committee Members Absent**

Mr. Delbert Parks

**NSU Administrators and Staff Present**

Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, President

Ms. Pamela F. Boston, University Counsel and Senior Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Eric Claville, Executive Advisor to the President for Government Relations

Dr. DoVeanna Fulton, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Aurelia T. Williams, Senior Vice Provost, Office of the Provost

Dr. Gerald Ellsworth Hunter, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Administration

Mr. Clifford Porter, Vice President, University Advancement

Dr. Justin L. Moses, Vice President for Operations, and Institutional Effectiveness

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Dr. Leonard Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs

Mrs. Derika Burgess, Chief Audit Executive

Dr. Dawn Hess, Chief Compliance Officer

Dr. Melody Webb, Athletics Director

Ms. Sher're Dozier, Clerk to the University President for the Board of Visitors

Mr. Christopher Gregory, Office of Information Technology

### 2. Recommend Approval of Electronic Participation

Mrs. Heidi Abbott, Mr. Mike Andrews, and Mr. Gilbert Bland, provided their reason for Electronic Participation. Mr. Jay Jamison motioned, seconded by Dr. Katrina Chase and with a 3-0 Roll Call vote, the Committee unanimously approved the virtual participation of Board Members, Mrs. Heidi Abbott, Mr. Mike Andrews, and Mr. Gilbert Bland.

### 3. Recommend Approval of the November 21, 2024, Governance Committee Minutes

The Committee voted and unanimously approved with a 3-0 Roll Call Vote, the Minutes for the November 21, 2024, Committee Meeting, motioned by Dr. Katrina Chase, and seconded by Mr. Dwayne Blake.

### 4. Old Business

None

### 5. New Business

Mr. Dwayne Blake informed that himself and Mr. Jay Jamison were appointed to serve on the Governance Committee for the February 11, 2025 meeting.

### 6. Update: University Policies

Mrs. Heidi Abbott provided a reminder that the Governance Committee reviews the University Policies and Procedures.

### 7. Update: General Assembly Proposed Bills and SCHEV Policies

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Mr. Eric Claville provided insights into bills that will impact the Board of Visitors across the States. Mr. Claville reviewed five bills that are aligned with the institution and provided a brief description for each.

- HB1621 - Delegate Laufer : Higher educational institutions, public; governing boards, nonvoting, advisory representatives.
- HB2421 - Delegate Webert / SB1217 - Senator Deeds: Baccalaureate public institutions of higher education; intercollegiate athletics programs; certain intrastate competition required.
- HB2452 - Delegate Hodges: Baccalaureate public institutions of higher education; livestreaming, recording, and archiving boards of visitors meetings; closed sessions; guidelines.
- SB1247 - Senator Durant / HB2186 - Delegate Freitas: Public institutions of higher education; certain grants from and partnerships and agreements with foreign countries of concern prohibited; report.
- SB771 - Senator Diggs: Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors; annual meetings.

### 8. Other Discussion Items

None

### 9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Heidi Abbott adjourned the meeting at 1:45p.m. The Committee voted and unanimously approved with a 3-0 Roll Call Vote. Motioned by Mr. Dwayne Blake and second Dr. Katrina Chase.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Heidi Abbot, Chair Governance Committee

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Sher're Dozier, Clerk to the University President for the  
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**NSU BOV GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTE FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Mrs. Heidi Abbott (Chair)</b>	<b>Mr. Delbert Parks</b>	<b>Dr. Katrina Chase</b>	<b>Mr. Mike Andrews</b>	<b>Mr. Gilbert Bland</b>	<b>Mr. Jay Jamison</b>	<b>Mr. Dwayne Blake</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Quorum</b>	Virtual	Absent	Yes	Virtual	Virtual	Yes	Yes	3-0
<b>Recommendation Approval of Electronic Participation</b>	V	A	Yes	V	V	Yes	Yes	3-0
<b>Approval of the Minutes</b>	Yes	A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-0
<b>Adjournment</b>	Yes	A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-0