BOARD OF VISITORS

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 7, 2026

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Governance Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 11:29 a.m. A quorum was established with a 3-0 Roll Call Vote.

Committee Members Present

Dr. L.D. Britt

Mr. Conrad Hall

Board of Visitors Members Present

Mr. Dwayne Blake

Committee Member Absent

Mrs. Heidi Abbott, Chair

Dr. Katrina Chase, Secretary

NSU Administrators and Staff Present

Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, President

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

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

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

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

Dr. Tanya S. White, Vice President and Chief of Staff

Dr. Melody Webb, Vice President and Athletics Director

Dr. Melissa J. Barnes, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management

Ms. Anne E. Ford, Registrar

Dr. Aurelia T. Williams, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Faculty Affairs (I)

Dr. Leonard Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs

Mr. Clifford Porter, Vice President, University Advancement

Mrs. Derika Burgess, Chief Audit Executive

Mr. Ronald King, Chief Information Security Officer

Mr. Gregory B. Baptiste, Director of Enterprise Applications
Mr. William T. Bynum, Associate Director, Student Activities & Leadership
Dr. James T. Walke, Assoc. V.P. Institutional Effectiveness and Planning
Dr. Tarrye L. Venable, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Khadijah Miller, Interim Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs
Ms. La'Toya Edwards, Associate Director for Housing Services & Business Operations
Ms. Saranette Miles Williams, Director of Career Services
Dr. Andrea Neal-Smith, Office of Academic Engagement
Ms. Laurie Carpenter, Associate Director of Experiential Learning
Mr. Wayne Ivey, Military Services and Veterans Affairs
Mr. Dennis Jones, Executive Budget Director
Dr. Davida Harrell-Williams, Director, Auxiliary Enterprises & Services
Mr. Terry Woodhouse, Interim, AVP Facilities Management
Mrs. Phillita M. Peeples, Audit and Compliance Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Sharea Williams, Executive Assistant, for Vice President of Operation
Ms. Erica Saunders, Executive Administrative Assistant, Provost Office
Mrs. Kimberly Gaymon, Scheduler/Financial Services Specialist
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

   None

3. Recommend Approval of March 5, 2026, Governance Committee Minutes

   The Committee voted and unanimously approved with a 3-0 Roll Call Vote, the Minutes for March 5, 2026, Committee Meeting, motioned by Dr. L.D. Britt, and seconded by Mr. Hall.

4. Old Business

   None

5. New Business

Mr. Blake provided the General Assembly update, highlighting that the 2026 Legislative Session has concluded. Mr. Blake also informed that a series of bills have been submitted to the Governor for consideration, with a deadline of May 22nd for approval or veto.

6. Board of Visitors Update(s)

None

7. General Assembly Update(s)

Mr. Claville discussed two bills that are currently before the Governor that were passed by the General Assembly and may impact the University and the Board of Visitors. The bills are summarized below:

Collective Bargaining Bill: Addresses the composition of employees within the service workforce.
SB494: Addresses the composition, membership, and duties of Boards of Visitors for public institutions of higher education. The bill increases Board Member terms from four to six years and requires each institution to adopt policies defining and implementing shared governance as part of its institutional structure.

8. Policy Update(s)

Dr. White provided an update on the status of the University's policies, informing them that everyone has been working diligently on their development and review. She outlined the following steps in the policy review process:

- Review by the respective division
- Legal sufficiency review
- Review by the President and the Executive Cabinet
- Presentation to the campus community for public comments and questions

Dr. White highlighted that the Board Policies are approximately 85% to 90% complete, while Administrative Policies are about 75% complete. She indicated that there is a targeted completion date of June 30, 2026.

Mr. Blake noted that four Board documents required reaffirmation and readoption. These include:

- Code of Ethics
- Statement of Governance
- Qualifications and Competencies for Governing Board Membership
- Norfolk State University Bylaws

Mr. Conrad Hall motioned to recommend to the Full Board reaffirmation and readoption of the policies, seconded by Dr. Britt, and with a 3-0 Roll Call vote the Board unanimously approved.

9. Discussion of Other Items

None

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Dwayne Blake adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Mr. Conrad Hall motion to adjourned, seconded by Dr. L.D. Britt and with a 3-0 Roll Call vote the Board unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Abbot, Chair Governance Committee

Sher’re Dozier, Clerk to the University President for the Board of Visitors

NSU BOV GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE

May 7, 2026

Item	Mrs. Heidi Abbott (Chair) Absent	Dr. Katrina Chase	Mr. Conrad Hall	Dr. L.D. Britt	Mr. Dwayne Blake	Totals
Quorum	Absent	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-0
Recommend Approval of Electronic Participation (none)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Approval of the Minutes	A	A	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-0
Recommend to the Full Board reaffirmation and readoption of policies	A	A	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-0
Adjourned	A	A	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-0