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Board of Visitors New Member Orientation
Minutes
Friday, August 28, 2026
11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Campus Location: *Harrison B. Wilson Hall, President's Conference Room, Suite 530, 5th Floor*

Board of Visitors Members Present
Dr. Tony Brothers

University Structure and Executive Leadership
Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, University President
Dr. Aurelia T. Williams, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Gerald Ellsworth Hunter, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Justin L. Moses, Vice President for Operations and Chief Strategist for Institutional Effectiveness
Dr. Tanya White, Vice President and Chief of Staff
Dr. Melody Webb, Vice President/Athletics Director
Mr. Clifford Porter, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Melissa J. Barnes, Interim Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management
Mrs. Derika Burgess, Chief Audit Executive

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

Dr. Adams-Gaston welcomed Dr. Tony Brothers to the Board of Visitors. Dr. Adams-Gaston thanked Dr. Brothers for his commitment and for sharing his time and talents at Norfolk State University. Dr. Adams-Gaston acknowledged the absence of Board of Visitors Rector, Dr. Kim W. Brown, University Counsel and Special Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Pamela F. Boston, and Executive Advisor to the President for Governmental Relations, Mr. Eric W. Claville. Dr. Adams-Gaston emphasized the University's ongoing efforts to close gaps, highlighting the support

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received through the campaign initiatives. Dr. Adams-Gaston informed that students remain the University's primary focus.

Dr. Aurelia T. Williams shared that she has served Norfolk State University for 26 years and provided an overview of the Honors College and Graduate School. She also discussed the Student Success Model and highlighted the University's partnership with the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center.

Dr. Gerald Ellsworth Hunter provided an overview of his professional background in higher education finance. Dr. Hunter highlighted that he has more than 30 years of experience in the field and discussed the institutions he has served; prior to joining Norfolk State University. He also shared that he has been a member of the Norfolk State University community for more than 13 years.

Dr. Justin L. Moses shared that he is approaching his seventh year at Norfolk State University. He provided an overview of his professional background, highlighting his previous experience at other higher education institutions. Dr. Moses also discussed the areas which he oversees, as well as the support he provides with university policies.

Dr. Tanya White shared that she has served Norfolk State University for 22 years and oversees the operations of the Board of Visitors, the Office of the President, and the Department of Human Resources. She highlighted that her primary goals for the department of Human Resources are ensuring compliance and training opportunities for employees.

Dr. Melody Webb shared that she has more than 25 years of experience in athletics, having served as a Student-Athlete, Head Coach, and, currently, an Athletics Administrator. She expressed her excitement of Norfolk State University's first home football game that will take place on Saturday, August 29, 2026. Dr. Webb highlighted the continued growth and visibility of the NSU brand.

Mr. Clifford Porter provided an overview of his responsibilities, informing that he oversees the Office of University Advancement. He highlighted the Department of Special Events, the Foundation, the Office of University Communications, and Alumni Affairs. Within these areas, he supports the university's fundraising, engagement, communications, and initiatives.

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Dr. Melissa Barnes informed that she has dedicated 45 years of service to the University and has held positions in several departments, including Admissions, Financial Aid, the Registrar's Office, and her current role as Interim Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management. She also provided an update on the University's enrollment status.

Mrs. Derika Burgess shared of her role and core responsibilities, strategic relationships, and evaluation through assessing risks and challenges within the university.

Dr. Tony Brothers shared that he has served as an NBA Referee for more than 33 years and has been ranked No. 1 in the world in his profession. He emphasized that with greater success comes a greater responsibility to remain humble. Dr. Brothers also shared that he is a proud graduate of Old Dominion University and expressed his commitment to supporting the University in any way he can. He spoke about his passion for serving on the Board and contributing to the institution's continued growth and success.

Minutes prepared by Ms. Sher’re S. Dozier, M.Ed. Clerk to the President for the Board of Visitors