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BOARD OF VISITORS

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 22, 2026

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Governance Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 12:01 p.m. A quorum was established with a 5-0 Roll Call Vote.

Committee Members Present

Mrs. Heidi Abbott, Chair
Dr. Harold Watkins
Mr. Conrad Hall
Dr. Tamara Jones
Mr. Jay Jamison

Committee Member Absent

Dr. L.D. Britt

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, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management (I)

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

Dr. Leonard Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs

Mr. Clifford Porter, Vice President, University Advancement

Mrs. Derika Burgess, Chief Audit Executive

Mr. Dennis Jones, Executive Budget Director

Dean David Simon Jr., Dean for Students

Ms. Shante Williams, Counseling Center

Dr. Isaiah Lucas, Executive Director Housing and Residence Life

Mr. Terry Woodhouse, Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Facilities Management

Dr. Davida Harrell-Williams, Auxiliary Enterprises & Services

Ms. Danielle Jones, Assistant Vice President University Controller

Chief Brian K. Covington, Chief of Police

Ms. Erica Saunders, Executive Administrative Assistant, Provost Office

Mrs. Sharea Williams, Executive Assistant, for Vice President of Operation

Mrs. Phillita Peeples, Executive Assistant to Internal Audit and Compliance

Mrs. Kimberly Gaymon, Scheduler/Financial Services Specialist

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

Mr. Demitrus Purnell, Student Representative, SGA President

Mr. Rasool Shabazz, Office of Information Technology

Mr. Kenneth Radford, Office of Information Technology

2. Recommend Approval of Electronic Participation

   None

3. Recommend Approval of May 7, 2026, Governance Committee Minutes

   The Committee voted and unanimously approved with a 5-0 Roll Call Vote, the Minutes for May 7, 2026, Committee Meeting, motioned by Mr. Jay Jamison, and seconded by Mr. Conrad Hall.

4. Old Business

   None

5. New Business

   Mrs. Abbott reviewed the Board of Visitors Members appointed to the Governance Committee. The Committee Members consists of:

   - Dr. Harold Watkins
   - Dr. Tamara Jones
   - Mr. Conrad Hall
   - Mr. Jay Jamison
   - Dr. L.D. Britt
   - Mrs. Heidi Abbott

6. Board of Visitors Update(s)

   None

7. General Assembly Update(s)

   Mr. Eric Claville discussed the upcoming legislative session and highlighted key areas of concern, including collective bargaining initiatives and the potential impact of legislation affecting Higher Education Institutions, that may be presented to the Governor for consideration. Mr. Claville also provided an overview of the Governance structure for public institutions, including the appointment process for Governing Board Members.

8. Policy Update(s)

   Dr. White provided an update on the Board of Visitors policies discussed during the May meeting. She informed that additional federal, state, and Commonwealth of Virginia laws are currently being reviewed.
   Dr. White stated that approximately 75% of the Board Policies and 65% of the Administrative Policies have been completed. She also discussed the policy review process, which includes the following steps:
   - Review by the responsible parties and policy administrator
   - Assessment for compliance with the Commonwealth of Virginia, Federal, State, and Local Laws
   - Review by the Cabinet
   - Review by the President and Legal Counsel
   - Posting on the Norfolk State University website for public comment, providing members of the campus community an opportunity to submit questions, comments, or concerns

9. Discussion of Other Items

Mrs. Abbott reported that the Governance Committee currently has several internal vacancies, including the positions of Vice Rector, Secretary, and Executive Committee Members. She informed that individuals appointed to fill these vacancies will serve in their respective roles until May 2027, at which time the positions will be reopened for election in accordance with Board procedures.

Mr. Conrad Hall, motioned to approve Mr. Jay Jamison for Vice Rector, Seconded by Dr. Harold Watkins and with a 4-0 Roll Call Vote the Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Conrad Hall, motioned to approve Dr. Harold Watkins for Secretary, Seconded by Dr. Tamara Jones and with a 4-0 Roll Call Vote the Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Jay Jamison, motioned to approve Dr. Tamara Jones and Mr. Conrad Hall as members of the Executive Committee, Seconded by Dr. Harold Watkins and with a 3-0 Roll Call Vote the Board unanimously approved.

10.Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Heidi Abbott adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

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 Board of Visitors

NSU BOV GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE

October 22, 2026

Item	Mrs. Heidi Abbott (Chair)	Dr. Harold Watkins	Dr. Tamara Jones	Mr. Conrad Hall	Mr. Jay Jamison	Dr. L.D. Britt	Total
Quorum	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	5-0
Recommend Approval of Electronic Participation (NONE)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0
Approval of the Minutes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	A	5-0
Approval of Mr. Jay Jamison for Vice Rector	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	A	4-0
Approval of Dr. Harold Watkins for Secretary	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	A	4-0
Approval of Dr. Tamara Jones and Mr. Conrad Hall as members of the Executive Committee	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes	A	3-0
Adjourned	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	A	5-0