



BOARD OF VISITORS STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE

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In accordance with the *Code of Virginia* § 23-2.04 (1) and upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Visitors of Norfolk State University adopts this Statement of Governance setting forth the role of the Board in the governance of the University.

1. As a public institution, Norfolk State University is accountable to the citizens of Virginia through institutional direction from its active, informed, and engaged Board of Visitors.
2. The powers and duties of the Board are based on specific sections of the *Code of Virginia* and are exercised to accomplish the purposes and mission, and to promote the general welfare of the University.
3. The Board is transparent in its operations and operates openly in compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3700 et seq.).
4. The selection and oversight of the University President, who is the chief executive officer of the University, is an important responsibility of the Board. The Board appoints the President and can remove him/her as appropriate.
5. The President reports to the Board and is fully responsible for the operation of the University. It is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that the President is implementing the Board's policies and accomplishing the University's goals.
6. The Board is an active policy-making body and is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the financial resources of the institution are adequate to provide a sound educational program.
7. The Board oversees the implementation of an ongoing strategic planning process and takes an active part in determining its mission, developing priorities and goals for the University, allocating resources, and measuring its success in conjunction with the President and in consultation with internal groups and external constituencies.
8. The Board establishes policies for the appointment and setting the salaries of faculty, and policies for their employment. The Board has delegated this and other authority to the President in the Board Bylaws. The Board provides for the employment of other personnel, as required, to assist the Board in fulfilling its duties.
9. The Board establishes student tuition, fees, and other charges, approves changes to the University's curriculum, determines student admission policies, and confers degrees.
10. The Board, with the approval of the Governor and as provided by statute, may lease, sell or otherwise convey whatever interest in real property the University may have, and may acquire interests in real property by purchase, will or deed of gift.
11. The Board has such additional powers and duties as provided by statute and as the General Assembly may see fit to amend such statutes, or otherwise act, from time to time.