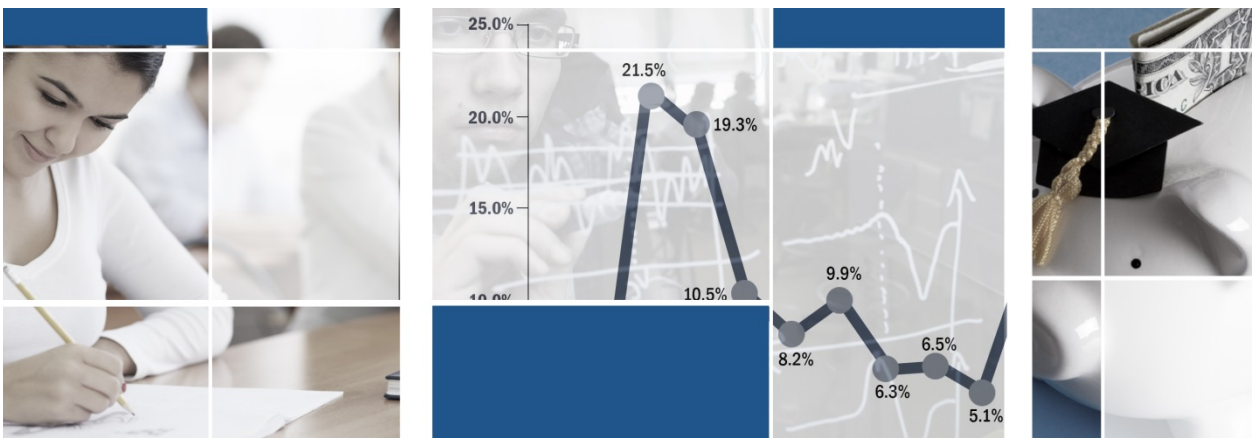


December 13, 2017



Boards of Visitors Orientation Report 2017

Table of Contents

Overview	1
Planning Group.....	1
Attendance	2
Survey Results.....	2
Orientation Agenda.....	3

Overview

Section 23.1-1304 of the Code of Virginia states that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia “shall develop, in consultation with public institutions of higher education and members of their governing boards, and annually deliver educational programs for the governing boards of such institutions” and “submit to the General Assembly and the Governor an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Council pursuant to this section no later than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly.” A 2013 amendment to the Code of Virginia stated that new board members “shall participate in an orientation session at least once during their first two years of membership.” In 2015, the Code language was amended to provide a process whereby members who do not participate could be removed.

In accordance with this requirement, SCHEV staff held a mandatory orientation session for newly appointed board members on October 24-25, 2017. A copy of the agenda summarizing the topics covered in these meetings is attached.

Planning Group

In order to comply with the mandate to develop the orientation “in consultation with public institutions of higher education and members of their governing boards,” SCHEV created a planning committee that included two current college presidents, two Council members, and three college representatives. Representatives from the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the Office of the Attorney General also participated in the planning sessions.

Attendance

2017	
BOV appointments	53
New attendees	33
Rectors	5
Vice Rector	1
Provost	1
Chair	1
President	1
Board Professionals	12

The nine new members who were unable to attend the 2017 orientation understand that they will be required to attend the 2018 orientation session. One member was appointed late in 2016 (September) and did not attend in 2017. The institution has been notified that she will be required to attend the 2018 orientation. The date for the 2018 orientation has been conveyed to the institutions.

There were two members that did not attend an orientation session within the first two years of their appointment. A resolution from their perspective boards is attached indicating that the reason for their non-attendance was approved by each board.

Survey Results

Following the orientation session, SCHEV staff asked attendees to complete an evaluation survey. Results of the survey indicate that of the 12 new members that responded, the majority rated the sessions as extremely value, very valuable, or valuable.



Boards of Visitors Orientation

Access, Affordability and Accountability in 21st-century Public Higher Education

October 24 – 25, 2017

Virginia Historical Society
428 N. Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23220

Tuesday, October 24

3:30 – 4:00pm

REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING

Virginia Historical Society, Halsey Family Lecture Hall

4:00 – 4:15

Welcome, Introductions and Overview

- Peter Blake, Director, State Council of Higher Ed for VA (SCHEV)
- Jamie Bosket, President and CEO, Virginia Historical Society
- Heywood Fralin, Chair, SCHEV Council

4:15 – 4:45

Perspectives on Board Service

- Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth
- Dietra Trent, Secretary of Education
- Richard “Ric” Brown, Secretary of Finance

4:45 – 5:45

Accountability in 21st-century American Higher Education

- Belle Wheelan, President, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS COC)

6:00 – 7:30

RECEPTION

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, 200 N. Boulevard (Claiborne Robertson Room)

Wednesday, October 25

7:30 – 8:00am

CHECK-IN, NETWORKING AND REFRESHMENTS

Virginia Historical Society, Halsey Family Lecture Hall

8:00 – 8:15

Greetings and Opening Remarks

- Heywood Fralin, Chair, SCHEV Council

8:15 – 9:45

Getting to “Best”: Opportunities and Challenges in Achieving Virginia’s Higher Education Goals

- Peter Blake, Director, SCHEV
- Christine “Chris” Chmura, CEO and Chief Economist, Chmura Economics and Analytics
- William L. “Bill” Murray, Member, SCHEV Council

- 9:45 – 10:00** **BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:30** **Doing the Right Things: Best Practices of High-performing Public-Institution Boards (and Intersecting with the Guardians Initiative)**
- Richard D. “Rick” Legon, President, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB)
- 11:30 – 12:15** **Doing Things Right: Boards’ Legal and Ethical Responsibilities**
- Alan Gernhardt, Senior Attorney, FOIA Advisory Council
 - Al Wilson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, OAG
- 12:15 – 1:00pm** **LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 2:15** **Boards’ Fiduciary Obligations: Building Budgets while Balancing Priorities, Needs and Realities**
- Justin Brown, Senior Associate Director, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC)
 - Michael Maul, Associate Director, Department of Planning and Budget (DPB)
 - William M. “Bill” Ginther, Chair, Committee on Finance, Budget and Investment, Board of Visitors, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2:15 – 2:30** **BREAK**
- 2:30 – 3:45** **Effective Institutional Governance: Board Leadership and Executive Administration for 21st-century Challenges**
- Introductions: Peter Blake, Director, SCHEV
 - Moderator: Deborah M. “Debbie” DiCroce, Member, Board of Visitors, Norfolk State University; former President, Tidewater Community College and Piedmont Virginia Community College
 - Glenn DuBois, Chancellor, Virginia Community College System
 - Brian Hemphill, President, Radford University
 - Marianne Radcliff, Rector, Board of Visitors, Longwood University
 - Teresa Sullivan, President, University of Virginia
- 3:45 – 4:00** **Synthesis, Conclusions and Appreciation**
- Heywood Fralin, Chair, SCHEV Council
 - Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth
 - Peter Blake, Director, SCHEV

2017 BOARD RESOLUTION

**NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS
RESOLUTION ON
BOV MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT SCHEV ORIENTATION**

September 15, 2017

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to provide educational programs for newly appointed board members at the public institutions of higher education within the first two years of their service. The topics to be covered by SCHEV are contained in the Code of Virginia and range from best practices in governance to future and national trends. The orientation has traditionally been held during autumn in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Code of Virginia § 23.1-1300(E) requires members of the Board of Visitors of Norfolk State University and all public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia to attend the Board training provided by SCHEV and any member who does not attend such required training within the first two years of membership on the Board is subject to a determination by the Board that the member has sufficient cause for failing to attend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors of Norfolk State University hereby determines that Mr. B. Keith Fulton, as a member of the Board, has sufficient cause for failing to attend the required SCHEV training within the first two years due to key company business meetings in California that coincided with the dates of the SCHEV Orientation for 2016 and 2017. Mr. Fulton has agreed to forego his company meeting in 2018 to attend the SCHEV Orientation session scheduled for October 23-24, 2018. Provisionally, Mr. Fulton received SCHEV training as a member of Virginia Tech's Board of Visitors on October 23, 2012.

Resolution
BOV Member Attendance at SCHEV Orientation

November 2016

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia requires the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) to provide educational programs for newly appointed board members at the public institutions of higher education within the first two years of their service. The topics to be covered by SCHEV are contained in the Code of Virginia and range from best practices in governance to future and national trends. The orientation has traditionally been held during autumn in Richmond.

WHEREAS, Code of Virginia§ 23.1-1300(E). requires members of the Board of Visitors of Radford University and all public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia to attend the Board training provided by SCHEV and any member who does not attend such required training within the first two years of membership on the Board is subject to a determination by the Board that the member has sufficient cause for failing to attend .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors of Radford University hereby determines that Steve Robinson, as a member of the Board, has sufficient cause for failing to attend the required SCHEV training.