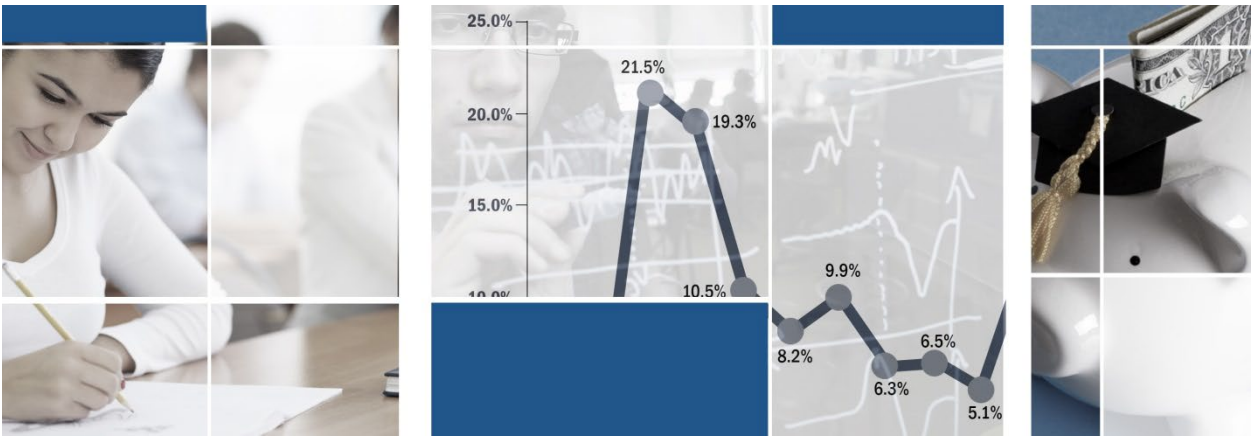


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Boards of Visitors Orientation: Report of the 2022 Event



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OVERVIEW

Section 23.1-1304 of the Code of Virginia requires that the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia “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 stipulated that new board members “shall participate in an orientation session at least once during their first two years of membership.” In 2015, the statutory language was amended to provide boards a process whereby members who do not participate may be removed.

In accordance with this requirement, SCHEV staff held a mandatory orientation session for newly appointed board members on October 19, 2022. A copy of the agenda summarizing the topics covered in these meetings is included with this report.

Planning Group

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 nine-member planning committee that included one Council member and two college representatives. The Secretary of Education, Deputy Secretary of Education and the Secretary of the Commonwealth also participated in the planning sessions, as well as a representative from the Office of the Attorney General.

Attendance

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| BOV appointments (31 reappointments) | 58 |
| New board member attendees | 20 |
| Rectors | 3 |
| Presidents | 2 |
| Board professionals | 8 |

There were seven new members who were unable to attend the 2021 orientation. They understand that they will be required to attend the 2022 orientation session. The date for the 2022 orientation has been conveyed to the institutions.

Survey Results

Following the orientation session, SCHEV staff provided attendees with an evaluation survey. Results of the electronic poll indicate that, of the 16 new members who responded, the majority rated the sessions as extremely valuable, very valuable, or valuable.



Boards of Visitors Orientation

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
1800 Lakeside Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23228

- 7:30 – 8:00 am** **REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING**
Massey Auditorium, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
- 8:00 – 8:15** **Welcome, Introductions and Overview**
- **Peter Blake**, Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)
 - **Ken Ampy**, Vice Chair, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- 8:15 – 9:15** **Leading Practices of Effective Public-institution Boards**
- Reflections on Board Service and Introduction of Speaker: **Kelly Thomasson**, Secretary of the Commonwealth
 - Speaker: **Henry Stoever**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Association of Governing Boards
- 9:15 – 10:15** **Virginia and National Higher Education: Key Facts, Projections and Opportunities**
- Reflections on Board Service and Introduction of Speakers: **Atif Qarni**, Secretary of Education
 - Virginia Presenter: **Peter Blake**, Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
 - National Presenter: **Tom Harnisch**, Vice President for Government Relations, State Higher Education Executive Officers
- 10:15 – 10:30** **BREAK**
- 10:30 – 11:30** **Rectors and Presidents differentiate Governance from Administration**
- Moderator: **John Broderick**, Member, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; former President, Old Dominion University
 - Panelist: **Marianne Radcliff**, former Rector, Board of Visitors, Longwood University; former Member, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
 - Panelist: **Devon Henry**, Rector, Board of Visitors, Norfolk State University
 - Panelist: **Troy Paino**, President, University of Mary Washington
- 11:30 – 12:15** **Board Members' Responsibilities for Justice, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**
- Reflections on Board Service and Introduction of Speaker:

Mona Siddiqui, Deputy Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Policy Advisor for the Office of New Americans

- Speaker: **Artis Hampshire-Cowan**, Senior Consultant and Senior Fellow, AGB Consulting

12:15 – 1:00

LUNCH

Massey Auditorium, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

- **Marge Connelly**, Chair, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

1:00 – 1:30

Boards' Legal and Ethical Responsibilities

- Introductions: **Henry Light**, Member, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- Speaker: **Alan Gernhardt**, Executive Director, Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council
- Speaker: **Deb Love**, Chief, Education Section, Office of the Attorney General

1:30 – 2:30

Hot Topics and Trends in College Student Life

- Reflections on Board Service and Introduction of Speakers: **Fran Bradford**, Deputy Secretary of Education
- Speaker: **Reuban Rodriguez**, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Speaker: **Carina Sudarsky-Gleiser**, Director, Counseling Center, William and Mary

2:30 – 2:45

BREAK

2:45 – 3:45

The ABCs of Higher Education Finance and Institutional Budgeting

- Introductions: **Katharine Webb**, Member, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- Panelist: **Joe Flores**, Secretary of Finance
- Panelist: **Amy Sebring**, Chief Operating Officer, William and Mary
- Panelist: **Michael Maul**, Associate Director for Education and Transportation, Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

3:45 – 4:45

Strategic Academic Planning for Workforce and Economic Development

- Reflections on Board Service and Introduction of Speakers: **Megan Healy**, Secretary of Labor
- Panelists:
- Speaker: **Stephen Moret**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Virginia Economic Development Partnership; Member, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- Speaker: **Dave Doughty**, Provost, Christopher Newport University

4:45– 5:00

Governor's Remarks on Higher Education and Board Service

- Introduction: **Thaddeus Holloman**, Member, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- **Ralph Northam**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

5:30 – 7:00 pm

RECEPTION

Robins Room, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens

2021 Planning Group

**Peter Blake, State Council of Higher Education
Fran Bradford, Deputy Secretary of Education
Eldon Burton, Virginia State University
Joe DeFilippo, State Council of Higher Education
Alan Edwards, State Council of Higher Education
Jody Fisler, State Council of Higher Education
Kim Parker, Virginia Military Institute
Laura Osberger, State Council of Higher Education
Beverly Rebar, State Council of Higher Education
Alvin Schexnider, SCHEV Council
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth**

**Your feedback is important to us.
Please take this short survey to evaluate the 2021 SCHEV Boards of Visitors Orientation.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5XGZCPY>



Registered Attendees - 2021 Boards of Visitors Orientation

Christopher Newport University

Sean Miller*
Lee Vreeland*

George Mason University

Horace Blackman
Anjan Chimaladinne
James W. Hazel (Rector)
Carolyn Moss*
Nancy Prowitt*
Edward Rice

Longwood University

Elia Fabiola Carter*
Rhodes Ritenour*
Shawn Smith*

Norfolk State University

Heidi Abbott*
BK Fulton
Devon Henry (Rector)
Delbert Parks*

University of Mary Washington

Princess Moss
Robert Strassheim*

Virginia Community College System

Ed Dalrymple
Maurice Jones*
Peggy Layne

Virginia Military Institute

James Conrad Garcia*
Edward Sean Lanier*
Thomas Watjen (Rector)

Virginia State University

Jon Moore*
Edward Owens*
Xavier Richardson*

Virginia Tech

Anna James*

William & Mary

Cynthia Hudson*
Barbara Johnson
John Rathbone*
Ardine Williams*

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Ken Ampy, Vice Chair
Peter Blake, Director
John Broderick
Marge Connelly, Chair
Victoria Harker
Thaddeus Holloman
Henry Light
Jennie O'Holleran
Alvin J. Schexnider
Jeff Smith
Katharine Webb, Secretary

Board Professionals

Pamela Boston, Norfolk State University
Ron Forehand, Norfolk State University
Jeff McClurken, University of Mary Washington
Rose Marie Owen, Virginia Community College System
Annie Redd, Virginia State University
Inda Walker, Norfolk State University
Tonya Walker, Norfolk State University
Cory Wolfe, Norfolk State University

Student Advisory Committee

Cassandra Atkinson, University of Mary Washington
Anirban Mahanty, Virginia Commonwealth University

Governor

The Hon. Ralph Northam, Governor of Virginia

Cabinet Members

The Hon. Fran Bradford, Deputy Secretary of Education
The Hon. Joe Flores, Secretary of Finance
The Hon. Megan Healy, Secretary of Labor
The Hon. Atif Qarni, Virginia Secretary of Education
The Hon. Mona Siddiqui, Deputy Chief Diversity Officer
The Hon. Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth

Other Participants

Eldon Burton, Virginia State University
Dave Doughty, Christopher Newport University
Alan Gernhardt, Executive Director, FOIA Advisory Council
Artis Hampshire-Cowan, Association of Governing Boards
Tom Harnisch, State Higher Education Executive Officers
Deb Love, Senior Assistant Attorney General/Chief, Office of the Attorney General
Michael Maul, Associate Director, Department of Planning & Budget
Anne Oman, House Appropriations Committee
Troy Paino, President, University of Mary Washington
Towanna Porter Brannon, Thomas Nelson Community College
Marianne Radcliff, Kemper Consulting
Reuban Rodriguez, Virginia Commonwealth University
Amy Sebring, William & Mary
Henry Stoeber, Association of Governing Boards
Carina Sudarsky-Gleiser, William & Mary

*newly appointed board member

