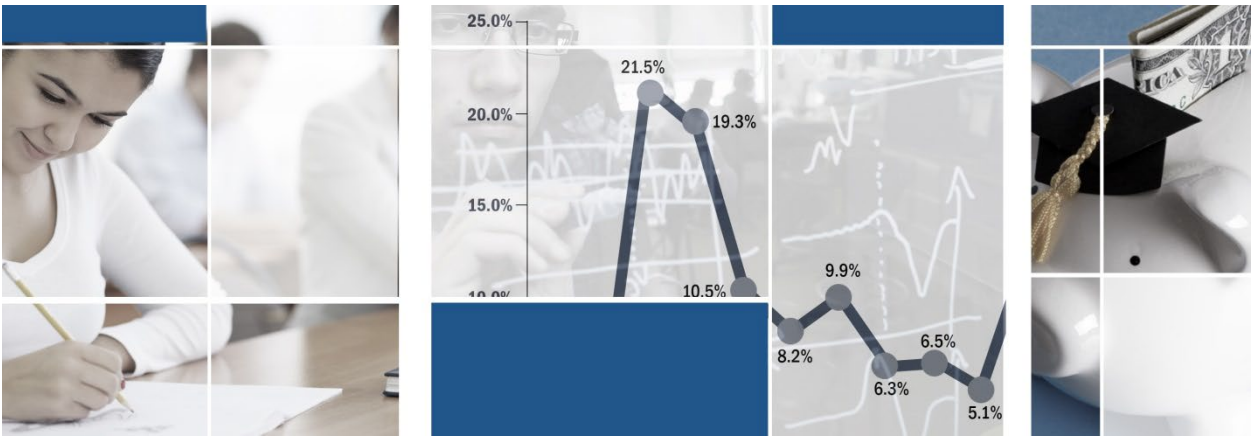


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Boards of Visitors Orientation: Report of the 2023 Event

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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 November 13-14, 2023. 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 an eight-member planning committee that included two Council members, two college representatives, one board professional and one member of an institutional Board of Visitors. The Secretary of Education, Deputy Secretary of Education and the Secretary of the Commonwealth also participated in the planning sessions.

Attendance

BOV appointments (3 reappointments)	57
New board member attendees	48
Rectors	4
Presidents	2
Board professionals	11

There were 17 new members who were unable to attend the 2023 orientation. They understand that they will be required to attend the 2024 orientation session. The date for the 2024 orientation has been scheduled for November 12-13, 2024.

Survey Results

Following the orientation session, SCHEV staff provided attendees with an evaluation survey. Results of the electronic poll indicate that, of the 12 new members who responded, the majority rated the sessions as extremely valuable, very valuable or valuable.



Boards of Visitors Orientation

November 14-15, 2023

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
Kelly Education Center Auditorium
1800 Lakeside Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23228

NOVEMBER 14

- 11:30 am** **CHECK-IN OPENS; INFORMAL NETWORKING (Light Buffet Lunch Provided)**
Massey Auditorium, Kelly Center, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
- 12:10 pm** **Welcome, Overview and Acknowledgements**
- **Peter Blake**, Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
 - **Brian Trader**, President and CEO, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
 - **Ken Ampy**, Chair, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV Council)
- 12:20 pm** **Board Requirements in the Current Legal Environment**
- Introduction: **Richard Cullen**, Counselor to the Governor
 - Speaker: **Jason Miyares**, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia
- 12:50 pm** **Fundamentals of Service on a Public Board, Part 1: The Role of a Public Trustee**
- Moderator: **Erin Hennessy**, Executive Vice President, TVP Communications
 - Speakers:
 - **Ed Baine**, Rector, Board of Visitors, Virginia Tech
 - **Betsy Beamer**, Member, Board of Visitors, Radford University
 - **Victoria Harker**, Vice Chair, SCHEV Council; former Chair, Finance Committee, Board of Visitors, University of Virginia
 - **Doug Wetmore**, Member, Board of Visitors, University of Virginia
- 1:50 pm** **Remarks and Introduction**
Kelly Gee, Secretary of the Commonwealth
- 2:00 pm** **Remarks from Governor Youngkin**
Glenn Youngkin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia
- 2:45 pm** **BREAK (Refreshments Provided)**
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- 3:00 pm** **Fundamentals of Service on a Public Board, Part 2: Virginia-specific Responsibilities (FOIA; COIA; Ethics)**
- **Alan Gernhardt**, Executive Director, Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council
 - **Mike Melis**, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
- 3:40 pm** **Analyzing and Benchmarking Institutional Outcomes and Spending**
Lina Bankert, Managing Director and Partner, Boston Consulting Group (BCG)
- 4:20 pm** **What Virginians Think about Virginia Higher Education**
- Introduction: **Heidi Abbott**, Chair, Governance Committee, Board of Visitors, Norfolk State University
 - Speaker: **Kirk Cox**, President, Virginia Business Higher Education Council
- 5:00 pm** **Reflections and Preparations for Day Two**
Peter Blake, Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- 5:10 pm** **RECEPTION**
Robins Room, Visitor’s Center, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
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NOVEMBER 15

- 8:45 am** **CHECK-IN OPENS; INFORMAL NETWORKING (Continental Breakfast Provided)**
Massey Auditorium, Kelly Center, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
- 9:00 am** **Welcome, Overview and Acknowledgements**
Peter Blake, Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- 9:10 am** **Virginia’s Economic Outlook**
Stephen Cummings, Secretary of Finance
- 9:45 am** **Institutional & State Finance: Budgeting, Spending & Tuition Setting**
- Moderator: **John Markowitz**, Deputy Secretary of Finance
 - Speakers:
 - **Michael Maul**, Director, Virginia Department of Planning and Budget
 - **Amy Sebring**, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Virginia Tech
 - **Ron Tillett**, Member, Board of Visitors, Christopher Newport University
- 10:45 am** **BREAK (Refreshments Provided)**
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11:00 am

Student Health and Wellness

- Moderator: **Justin Pope**, Vice President and Chief of Staff, Longwood University
- Speakers:
 - **John Littel**, Secretary of Health and Human Resources; Member and former Rector, Board of Visitors, William & Mary
 - **Kelly Crace**, Associate Vice President for Health and Wellness, William & Mary
 - **Makola Abdullah**, President, Virginia State University

12:00 pm

LUNCH (Buffet Lunch Provided)

12:50 pm

Governor Youngkin's Priorities for Higher Education

- Introduction: **John Jumper**, Member, SCHEV Council; former President, Board of Visitors, Virginia Military Institute
- Speaker: **Aimee Guidera**, Secretary of Education

1:15 pm

Boards' Roles in Graduate Outcomes and Labor-market Needs

- Moderator: **Todd Haymore**, Rector, Board of Visitors, Virginia Commonwealth University; former Secretary of Commerce and Trade
- Speakers:
 - **Heather McKay**, Executive Director, Virginia Office of Education Economics, Virginia Economic Development Partnership
 - **Gil Bland**, Member, Board of Visitors, Norfolk State University; former Chair, SCHEV Council
 - **Joseph G. DeFilippo**, Academic Affairs Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

2:15 pm

BREAK (Refreshments Provided)

2:30 pm

Best Practices for Effective Governance: Advice from Rectors and Presidents

- Moderator: **Judi Lynch**, Former member and former Vice Rector, Board of Visitors, Longwood University
- Speakers:
 - **Valerie Brown**, Rector, Board of Visitors, Virginia State University
 - **Bruce Bradley**, Rector, Board of Visitors, Old Dominion University
 - **Maribeth Herod**, Rector, Board of Visitors, James Madison University
 - **David Doré**, Chancellor, Virginia Community College System
 - **Michael Rao**, President, Virginia Commonwealth University

3:30 pm

Conclusions, Reflections and Appreciation

- **Peter Blake**, Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

REMINDER: Please provide your feedback on this event. Please complete the survey at:



2024 (Tentative) Board of Visitors Orientation Date: November 12-13, 2024

Registered Attendees - 2023 Boards of Visitors Orientation

Christopher Newport University

Brent Archer
Lindsey Carney Smith
Amie Dale
Will Estrada
John Lawson
Ron Tillett

George Mason University

Armand Alacbay
Dorothy "Deecy" Gray
Robert Pence
Jeffrey Rosen

James Madison University

Jeff Bolander
Donna Harper
Maribeth Herod
Nicole Palya Wood
Steve Smith
Jack White

Longwood University

Judi M. Lynch
Jeff Nottingham
Justin Pope
Kathryn Roberts
Brian Schmalzbach

Norfolk State University

Heidi Abbott
T. Michael Andrews
Gil Bland
Pamela Boston
Sher're Dozier
Tanya S. White

Old Dominion University

Susan Allen
Bruce Bradley
Andrew Hodge
Dr. Juan Montero

Radford University

Betsy D. Beamer
Karen Castele
Joann S. Craig
Betty Jo Foster
Susan Q. Richardson

University of Mary Washington

John Anstey
Jeffrey McClurken
Nicole Neily

University of Virginia

Paul C. Harris
Susan Harris
Paul B. Manning
John L. Nau III
Doug Wetmore

Virginia Commonwealth University

President Michael Rao
Rooz Dadabhoy
Steve DeLuca
Ellen Fitzsimmons
Chelsea Gray
Todd Haymore
P2 Sandhu
Eric Wilson

Virginia's Community Colleges

Chancellor David Doré
Ed Dalrymple
Sasha Gong
Bif Johnson
Maurice Jones
Rose Marie Owen
Michael Wooten

Virginia Military Institute

Jaimie Inman
James G. Joustra Jr.
Nancy Williams Phillips
MG James W. Ring

Virginia State University

President Makola Abdullah
Valerie Brown
Joseph A. F. Chase, Jr.
Daphne Meeks
Annie C. Redd
Kishore Thota

Virginia Tech

David Calhoun
Nancy Dye
Brad Hobbs
Kim O'Rourke
John Rocovich
Amy Sebring

William & Mary

Kelly Crace
Courtney Malveaux
Laura Keehner Rigas

Governor

The Hon. Glenn Youngkin, Governor of Virginia

Cabinet Members

The Hon. Stephen Cummings, Secretary of Finance
The Hon. Kelly Gee, Secretary of the Commonwealth
The Hon. Aimee Guidera, Secretary of Education
The Hon. John Littel, Secretary of Health & Human Resources
Nicholas Kent, Deputy Secretary of Education
John Markowitz, Deputy Secretary of Finance

Special Guests

Lina Bankert, Boston Consulting Group
Rob Bell, Deputy Attorney General
Kirk Cox, Virginia Business Higher Education Council
Richard Cullen, Counselor to the Governor
Anthony Ferguson, Solicitor General of the Commonwealth
Edwin Feulner, Council of Higher Education Board Appointments
Alan Gernhardt, FOIA Council
Michael Maul, Department of Planning and Budget
Heather McKay, Virginia Economic Development Partnership
Mike Melis, Assistant Attorney General
Deborah Petrine, Council of Higher Education Board Appointments
Berkley Carlyle Ramsey, Council of Higher Education Board Appointments
Douglas N. Smith, Council of Higher Education Board Appointments

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