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Attention: Legislative Documents and Reports Processing

Dear Sir/Madam:

The report *Christopher Newport University 2026 Annual Executive Summary of Interim Activity*, is submitted in compliance with the *Code of Virginia* §23.1-1303(B)(13).

Please contact me with any questions or requests for additional information at 757-594-7002 or by email at Kenneth.kidd@cnu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth Kidd', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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Executive Summary

Christopher Newport University is a public institution of higher education, created by §§ 23.1-1400 through 1403 of the *Code of Virginia* and governed by the General Assembly of Virginia.

Pursuant to the *Code of Virginia* § 23.1-1303(B)(13), this Summary of Interim Activity is respectfully submitted. All necessary changes and operational efforts directed by 2013 Chapter 577 have been incorporated into the operations and activities of the Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University.

In 2025 the Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors conducted its business as a “state public body” for purposes of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and held only closed meetings in conformance with that law.

Highlights from this past year include:

- Approval of a new creation of the Department of Economics.
- Approval to rename the Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance to be the Department of Accounting and Finance.
- Approval of updates to the Board’s Bylaws to align the Bylaws with the Code of Virginia, reflecting the most up-to-date legal standards, and to integrate adjustments that correspond with current Board operations.
- Board approval of the University Strategic Compass, 2025-2030.
- Approval of new degree program: Master of Arts in National Security Studies.
- Approval of the 2025 Six-Year Plan Update for 2026-2032.

In 2025 the Board of Visitors held regularly scheduled meetings in February, April, June, September, and December. In conformance with the provisions of the *Code* the Board of Visitors convened and conducted a separate meeting on June 5, 2025 for the purpose of delivering an evaluation of the Interim President’s performance.

In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, the Board of Visitors held the following meetings:



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- March 17, 2025 - Budget Presentation and Public Comment Session on the setting of tuition and fees;
- September 18, 2025 - Board of Visitors Orientation for new members;
- October 15-16, 2025 – Board of Visitors Retreat; and
- November 12-13, 2025 – SCHEV sponsored Orientation and Expanded Training with three members of the Board in attendance.

The Board of Visitors webpage is located at <http://cnu.edu/whoweare/bov/>. This website provides access to Board Bylaws, a listing of members and committees, meeting minutes, a meeting schedule, an email address for public communications, agendas, and supporting materials. The Board of Visitors continues to use a cloud-based platform to manage its meeting agendas and materials and to make them publicly available.