

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday, August 9, 2021**

**MINUTES**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University met at 12:00 Noon on Monday, August 9, 2021, in the Board Room of the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Committee were:

R. Bruce Bradley, Rector  
Yvonne T. Allmond  
Robert S. Corn  
Unwana B. Dabney (via Zoom)  
Jerri F. Dickeski  
Larry R. Hill  
Toykea S. Jones (via Zoom)  
Lisa B. Smith (via Zoom)

Also in attendance from the Board: Kay A. Kemper (via Zoom)  
Ross Mugler (via Zoom)  
Murry Pitts

Also present were:

Brian O. Hemphill, President (via Zoom)	R. Earl Nance
Austin Agho (via Zoom)	Tom Odom
Greg DuBois	September Sanderlin (via Zoom)
Annie Morris Gibson	Ashley Schumaker
Casey Kohler	Don Stansberry (via Zoom)
Donna Meeks	

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Rector called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and welcomed those who are attending in person and via Zoom. He noted that President Hemphill is participating via Zoom since he is on the Monarch Nation Tour that starts this evening in Roanoke. President Hemphill said that from Roanoke they will go to Charlottesville then Northern Virginia for two events, then to Richmond, and then return to Hampton Roads for an event in Virginia Beach and the last event at the Priority

the minutes were approved by roll-call vote (*Aye: Allmond, Bradley, Corn, Dabney, Dickeski, Hill, Jones, Kemper, Mugler, Pitts, Smith; Nay: None*).

### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

In his report to the Committee, Rector Bradley reminded Board members of the requirement to complete the Ethics Advisory Council's Conflict of Interest Training. Donna will follow up with those who have not yet done so.

As noted in the results of the Board's self-



EVMS Board on September 10 as part of their retreat to discuss opportunities for partnership and engagement. Prior to that the presidents and rectors of ODU, EVMS and Sentara will be meeting to discuss partnership opportunities. There is a great deal of energy, excitement and synergy around health needs in the community and a genuine commitment to how we might address some of the health disparities in the region.

Upcoming Board Retreat – President Hemphill said that he hoped the Board members received Jeffrey Selingo's book and have started reading it in preparation for the day-long retreat on September 15. Mr. Selingo will be joining the group for an engaging conversation. In addition to the informal and structured time with Mr. Selingo, he and the Rector have been discussing the agenda and schedule that will be shared with the full Board within the coming weeks. The details for the off-site location are underway.

At the conclusion of his formal report, the Rector asked the President to share some of his initial impressions about the University. President Hemphill commented that a lot of great work has gone into building this institution. There are dedicated people here who are passionate about ODU. Unique opportunities exist in areas of research and growth. Development of the Strategic Plan will be a main area of focus and a timeline and more details will be shared with the Board. Old Dominion University is well-positioned but will need to take some strategic steps forward knowing that the competition is coming. He looks forward to engaging with his Cabinet to understand their passion, commitment and willingness to lean in on the work that needs to be done.

In response to a question from Ms. Jones, President Hemphill said that ODU Online presents some significant opportunities for growth but will require additional work collectively across the institution to achieve. ODU is better positioned than most of its peers in this realm. Another opportunity is the potential for key partnerships to drive the local economy and workforce development.

In response to a question from Mr. Pitt about the name, image and likeness issue, President Hemphill commented that it is changing the landscape of college athletics and stressed the importance of managing the process so that there are no missteps. Wood Selig is chair of the athletic directors for Conference USA so he is actively engaged in these discussions.

### **MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

The Rector called on Ms. Jones, who made the following motion, “Mister Rector, I move that this meeting be convened in closed session, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) (1) for the purpose of discussing two personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and approved by roll-call vote (*Aye: Allmond, Bradley, Corn, Dabney, Dickeski, Hill, Jones, Kemper, Mugler, Pitts, Smith; Nay: None*).

Joining the Board members in closed session were President Hemphill, Provost Austin Agho, Vice President Ashley Schumaker, and University Counsel Earl Nance.

## **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND FOIA CERTIFICATION**

At the conclusion of closed session, the Rector reconvened the meeting and the following Freedom of Information Act Certification was read: “Any person who believes that the Board discussed items which were not specifically exempted by law or not included in the motion, must now state where they believe there was a departure from the law or a departure in the discussion of matters other than that stated in the motion convening the closed session. I shall now take a vote of the Board. All those who agree that only lawfully exempted matters and specifically only the business matter stated in the motion convening the closed session were discussed in closed session say “aye.” All those who disagree say “nay.” The certification was approved by roll-call vote (*Aye: Allmond, Bradley, Corn, Dabney, Dickeski, Hill, Jones, Kemper, Mugler, Pitts, Smith; Nay: None*).

## **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Rector thanked Earl Nance and Greg DuBois for their service to the University and wished them well in their new endeavors.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the Committee.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.