

MINUTES
April 17, 2007

The Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University met on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 3:15 p.m. in Merryman Center Conference Room, Virginia Tech Campus, Blacksburg, Virginia. This was an emergency meeting called in the wake of the fatal shootings that occurred on campus the previous day. The meeting was held immediately following a university-wide convocation held in Cassell Coliseum.

Present

Absent

Mr. Michael Anzilotti
Ms. Beverley Dalton
Mr. Ben J. Davenport, Jr.
Ms. Michele Duke
Mr. Robert L. Freeman, Jr.
Mr. L. Bruce Holland
Mr. John R. Lawson, II
Ms. Sandra Stiner Lowe
Mr. Jacob A. Lutz, III
Mr. George Nolen
Mr. James W. Severt, Sr.
Mr. James R. Smith
Mr. Philip S. Thompson

Dr. Lori Wagner

Also present were the following: Dr. Charles Steger, Virginia State Police Superintendent Steve Flaherty, Virginia Attorney General Robert McDonnell, Virginia Secretary of Public Safety John W. Marshall, Virginia Tech Police Chief Wendell Flinchum, Mr. James Hyatt, Dr. Mark McNamee, Ms. Kay Heidbreder, Mr. Larry Hincker, Ms. Kim O'Rourke, Dr. Elizabeth Flanagan, Dr. Tom Tillar, Dr. Lisa Wilkes.

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Motion to begin Closed Session

Mr. Lawson moved that the Board convene in a closed meeting, pursuant to § 2.2-3711(20), Code of Virginia, as amended, for the purposes of discussing:

Public safety on the Virginia Tech campus. This will include a briefing by law enforcement personnel.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed unanimously.

At one point during the meeting, all non-Board members were asked to leave the room, with the exception of: President Charles Steger, law enforcement, Attorney General McDonnell, University Legal Counsel Kay Heidbreder, and Secretary to the Board Kim O'Rourke.

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Motion to Return to Open Session

Following the Closed Session, members of the press, students, and the public were invited to return to the meeting. Rector Lutz called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Lawson to make the motion to return to open session.

Mr. Lawson made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Visitors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Visitors.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed unanimously.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Jacob A. Lutz, III, Rector

Kim O'Rourke, Secretary