

**BOARD OF VISITORS  
2024-25 STUDENT SELECTION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

April 3, 2024

The Selection Committee for the 2024-25 Student Representatives to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors held an all-virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the 2024-25 Undergraduate and Graduate/Professional Student Representatives to the Board. The meeting was livestreamed for the public.

The voting members of the ad hoc Selection Committee include the members of the Executive Committee and the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee. Non-voting members include the current student representatives and the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of the Graduate School, and Vice President for Policy and Governance/Secretary to the Board.

**Present**

David Calhoun (Vice Rector)  
Carrie H. Chenery  
Greta J. Harris  
Donald Horsley  
Anna L. James  
L. Chris Petersen

**Absent**

Edward H. Baine (Rector)  
Brad Hobbs

Also present at the meeting were Emily Tirrell (Graduate/Professional Student Representative), Martha Glass (Assistant Vice President for Administration representing the Vice President for Student Affairs), Kim O'Rourke (Vice President for Policy and Governance and Secretary to the Board), William Storey (Undergraduate Student Representative), Lisa Royal (BOV Operations Manager), and Aimée Surprenant (Dean of the Graduate School).

During the public comment session, there were 2 concurrent viewers on YouTube and a total of 2 views.

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The meeting was convened at 9:02 a.m. Candidates to be interviewed applied for the position through an on-line process open to all enrolled students. The current student representatives, William Storey and Emily Tirrell, each had organized a screening committee to evaluate the applicants and put forward a list of candidates for the 2024-25 Undergraduate and Graduate/Professional Student Representative positions, respectively, to be interviewed by the BOV Student Selection Committee.

**MOTION TO BEGIN CLOSED MEETING**

Ms. Harris made a motion that the Board of Visitors Student Representative Selection Committee convene in a closed meeting, pursuant to § 2.2-3711, (A)(1) Code of Virginia, as amended, for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the positions of undergraduate and graduate/professional student representatives for 2024-25. The motion was seconded by Mr. Petersen and passed unanimously.

The livestream was then suspended.

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**MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The livestream resumed, and then the following motion was made by Mr. Horsley:

**WHEREAS**, the Student Representative Selection Committee of 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 provision 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 Student Selection Committee of 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 Committee.

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

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During the closed session, the committee conducted interviews of three candidates for the 2024-25 Undergraduate Student Representative and three candidates for the 2024-25 Graduate/Professional Student Representative and selected the finalists to recommend at the full Board meeting on April 9, 2024.

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by:  
Kim O’Rourke  
Secretary to the Board