

**MINUTES**

**BOARD OF VISITORS PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION  
FOR PROPOSED 2024-25 TUITION AND FEES**

March 26, 2024

In accordance with *Code of Virginia* §23.1-307(E), requiring boards of visitors to hold public comment sessions prior to acting on any proposed increase in undergraduate tuition or mandatory fees, an ad hoc committee of Virginia Tech’s Board of Visitors met in open session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, in a virtual meeting that was livestreamed for the public on YouTube.

**Present**

Edward H. Baine (Rector)  
David Calhoun (Vice Rector)  
Carrie H. Chenery  
Sandy C. Davis  
Nancy Dye  
Greta J. Harris  
Anna L. James  
L. Chris Petersen  
John Rocovich

Also present were the following: President Timothy Sands, Kim O’Rourke (Secretary to the Board), Cyril Clarke, Al Cooper, Corey Earles, Kay Heidbreder, Tim Hodge, Ken Miller, April Myers, Mark Owczarski, Lori Rose, Lisa Royal, Amy Sebring, and Tracy Vosburgh.

During the public comment session, there were 44 concurrent viewers on YouTube and a total of 23 views.

Speakers: Benjamin Burdick, Riley DeHority, Andrew Gunsch, Pika Madeleine MacDougal, Rachel Maizel, Oliver Shuey, Aileen Suarez, and Prescott Vayda.

Rector Baine called the virtual meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. In accordance with *Code of Virginia* §23.1-307(D), a public notice of the proposed range of increase in tuition and fees was issued on March 8, 2024; the public notice included information about the public comment period. (Copy filed with permanent minutes and marked Attachment A.)

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## TUITION WORKSHOP

The meeting began with a 15-minute tuition workshop presented by Amy Sebring, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Ms. Sebring's PowerPoint presentation covered affordability and financial aid to Virginia Tech students, student success rates, the level of state support, how state support and tuition revenue are used, and factors influencing tuition development, as well as the proposed 2024-25 tuition and fees. (Copy filed with the permanent minutes and marked Attachment B.)

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## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Following the presentation, Rector Baine called on Ms. O'Rourke to review the guidelines for the 30-minute public comment period. Each speaker was allotted three minutes to speak and were to limit their comments to the topic of tuition and fees.

Nine individuals from the Virginia Tech community pre-registered to speak; three of those nine did not appear at the virtual meeting to speak. During the meeting, two additional members of the Virginia Tech community registered to speak. In total, eight individuals gave public comments, and four of those speakers submitted typed versions of their comments to be entered into the public record. (Copy filed with the permanent minutes and marked Attachment C.)

The public comment session ended at 11:45 a.m.

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The public was also given the opportunity to submit written comments through April 1, 2024. The Board of Visitors is scheduled to take action on the proposed tuition and fees for 2024-25 at its next regular meeting on April 9, 2024. All public comments will be provided to the Board in preparation for that meeting and will become part of the public record.

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Edward H. Baine, Rector

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Kim O'Rourke, Secretary