

**BOARD OF VISITORS  
ALL-VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

February 5, 2026

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors held an all-virtual special meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing resolutions regarding Beamer-Lawson indoor practice facility improvements and on-campus residential facilities followed by a closed session discussion of public safety measures. The meeting was livestreamed for the public. There was no public comment period. A quorum was present on the videoconference.

**Present**

Rosa Atkins  
Edward Baine  
Sandy Davis (Vice Rector)  
Nancy Dye  
William Holtzman  
Starlette Johnson  
Ryan D. McCarthy  
Jim Miller  
Robert Moser  
J. Pearson  
John Rocovich (Rector)  
Margaret Ann Smith  
Jeanne Stosser

**Absent**

Theodore Hanson

**Constituent Representatives Present:**

Thomas Feely, Undergraduate Student Representative  
Katie Drinkwater Gregg, Graduate/Professional Student Representative  
Amber Hagan, Staff Representative  
Justin Lemkul, Faculty Representative  
Marlena Lester, Administrative and Professional Faculty Representative

Also present at the meeting were President Timothy Sands, Kim O'Rourke (Secretary to the Board), Simon Allen, Mac Babb, Al Cooper, Corey Earles, Cliff Gaines, Brandon Hall, Kay Heidbreder, Tim Hodge, Frances Keene, Sharon Kurek, Rob Mann, Amy Orders, Mark Owczarski, Julie Ross, Lisa Royal, Amy Sebring, Brennan Shepard, Mike Staples, Michael Stowe, and Dwyn Taylor.

During the meeting, there were 107 concurrent viewers on YouTube and a total of 167 views.

Rector Rocovich called the virtual meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

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Simon Allen, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation

The following motion was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, and passed unanimously by the 13 board members in attendance.

**Resolution regarding Improvements to the  
Beamer-Lawson Indoor Practice Facility**

**That the resolution authorizing Virginia Tech to move forward with an \$800,000 planning authorization to complete working drawing design documents for the Beamer-Lawson Indoor Practice Facility Improvements project be approved.**

(A copy of the presentation and resolution that was approved are attached and marked Attachment A.)

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Amy Sebring, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Simon Allen, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation.

The following motion was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, and passed unanimously by the 13 board members in attendance.

**Approval of Resolution regarding On-Campus Residential Facilities**

**That the resolution with numerous provisions authorizing planning funds and target timelines for several on-campus residential housing renovation and construction projects and rescinding the “Capital Planning Project for Residential Facilities Improvements” resolution passed by the Board of Visitors on November 18, 2025, be approved.**

(A copy of the presentation and the resolution that was approved are attached and marked Attachment B.)

The Rector commented that this is an excellent plan, and the board fulfilled its fiduciary responsibility to address the on-campus residential facilities needs of the students. He commended board members Jeanne Stosser and Sandy Davis, and members of the administration Amy Sebring, Simon Allen, Frances Keene, and Dwyn Taylor and their teams for their hard work.

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**MOTION TO BEGIN CLOSED MEETING**

Rector Rocovich made a motion that the Board of Visitors convene in a closed meeting, pursuant to § 2.2-3711, Code of Virginia, as amended, for the purposes of discussing:

- 1. Plans to protect public safety

pursuant to subpart .19 of 2.2-3711 (A), Code of Virginia, as amended.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearson and passed unanimously. The livestream was then suspended.

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**MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The livestream resumed at 2:30 p.m., and then the following motion was made by Rector Rocovich.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University 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 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.

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

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John G. Rocovich, Jr., Rector

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Kim O'Rourke, Secretary