BOARD OF VISITORS
ALL-VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2024

The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors held an all-virtual special meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing current litigation and matters of campus safety. The meeting was livestreamed for the public.

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

Absent
Brad Hobbs
William Holtzman
Letitia Long

Also present at the meeting were President Timothy Sands, Kim O’Rourke (Secretary to the Board), Mac Babb, Whit Babcock, Cyril Clarke, Corey Earles, Kay Heidbreder, Frances Keene, Michael Mulhare, Lisa Royal, Amy Sebring, and Tracy Vosburgh.

During the public comment session, there were 14 concurrent viewers on YouTube and a total of 13 views.

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The meeting was convened at 1:01 p.m.

MOTION TO BEGIN CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Calhoun made a motion that the Board of Visitors convene in a closed meeting, pursuant to § 2.2-3711, (A)(1) Code of Virginia, as amended, for the purposes of discussing:

1. Matters related to employee and student discipline
2. The status of current litigation impacting Virginia Tech
3. Management of campus safety related to campus events

all pursuant to the following subparts of 2.2-3711 (A), Code of Virginia, as amended, .1, .2, .7, and .19.

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

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MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The livestream resumed at 1:55 p.m., and then the following motion was made by Mr. Calhoun.

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. Rocovich and passed unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Submitted by:
Kim O’Rourke
Secretary to the Board