

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, April 24, 2025**

**MINUTES**

The Governance Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University met on Thursday, April 24, 2025, in the Board Room of the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons on the Norfolk campus. Present from the Committee:

Jerri F. Dickeski, Chair  
P. Murry Pitts, Rector (*ex-officio*)  
Andrew Hodge, Vice Rector (*ex-officio*)  
E.G. Middleton  
D.R. (Rick) Wyatt

Other Board Members Present: Robert S. Corn  
Ross A. Mugler  
Florencia Segura

Also present: Brian O. Hemphill, President  
Austin Agho  
Alonzo Brandon  
Ken Fridley  
Annie Gibson  
Nina Rodriguez Gonser  
Stephanie Jennelle  
LaToya Jordan  
Mary Jo Karlis  
Amber Kennedy  
Casey Kohler  
Brandi Hephner LaBanc  
Kimberly Osborne  
Brian Payne  
Stacy Purcell  
September Sanderlin  
Ashley Schumaker  
Tina Russell  
Al Wilson

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Chair Jerri Dickeski called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM. Pursuant to Va. Code 2.2-3708.3 and Board of Visitors Policy 1107, Committee Chair and Board member Jerri Dickeski participated remotely. Upon a motion made by Mr. Rudy Middleton and seconded by Mr. Murry Pitts, the meeting minutes from December 5, 2024 were approved unanimously by roll call vote.

## **Board of Visitors Policy 1012 – Resolution Adopting Executive Order Number 1 (Equal Opportunity)**

Mrs. Dickeski gave the Committee a briefing on Board of Visitors Policy 1012, Resolution Adopting Executive Order Number 1, an Executive Order by former Governor Northam. She explained that this policy needs to be either repealed or replaced. Mrs. Dickeski noted that repealing or modifying a Board of Visitors Policy requires a 15-day notice to the full Board. The 15-day notice will be sent to the full Board in May, and the vote to repeal will be sent to the full Board on June 13, 2025. Upon a motion made by Mr. Middleton and seconded by Mr. Hodge, the Committee voted unanimously to repeal the Board of Visitors Policy 1012 by roll call vote.

## **2025 Board Self-Assessment Survey Results**

The Chair announced that the 2025 Board Self-Assessment Survey is complete, and there was 100% participation rate. Mrs. Dickeski explained that the results of the survey are still being fine-tuned but will be emailed to the Board members within the next two weeks and discussed at both the Governance Committee and the full Board meetings in June.

## **Prior Proposed Bylaws Revisions**

Mrs. Dickeski reminded the Committee that the proposed revisions to the bylaws were discussed and approved at the Governance Committee meeting on September 12, 2024. The 30-day notice was sent to the full Board on March 25, 2025. The adoption of the revisions will be voted on during the full Board meeting on April 25, 2025.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM.