

NUMBER: 1101

TITLE: Board of Visitors Governance

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1. Board of Visitors Governance is predicated on specific sections of the *Code of Virginia* which serve as the Board Constitution upon which the Board of Visitors Bylaws are based. Applicable sections of the *Code of Virginia* are attached for reference. The Board shall delegate sufficient authority to the University President for the operation of the University, however, the Board’s total authority, responsibilities, duties, and legal obligations set forth in the *Code of Virginia* cannot be delegated. Accordingly, service on the Board involves significant responsibility and commitment on the part of its members.
2. The Board of Visitors Policies and Procedures are derived from the Board Constitution, Bylaws, and relevant Commonwealth regulations. The Board Policies and Procedures shall be based on good practices such as may be identified by the *Final Report of the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education*, the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, and the National Association of Governing Boards.
3. In accordance with Section 9.05 of the Board’s Bylaws, board policies and procedures shall be reviewed on at least a five-year cycle, as established by the Board’s Governance Committee, or as necessary due to changes in the laws or regulations, or to reflect current practice. The Governance Committee shall designate, as appropriate, the University administrator responsible for reviewing specific policies. The results of such review shall be shared with the full Board, and the date the policy was reviewed shall be noted on each policy, even if no revisions are recommended. University Counsel shall review all proposed new policies or revisions to existing policies and report to the Governance Committee prior to approval.

Code Provisions Applicable to Boards of Visitors

<i>Code of Virginia, Section</i>	Title
<u>2.2-418 - 2.2-435</u>	Registration of Lobbyists
<u>2.2-507</u>	Legal Service in Civil Matters
<u>2.2-1124</u>	Disposition of Surplus Materials
<u>2.2-2100 - 2.2-2106</u>	State Authorities, Boards, Commissions, Councils, Foundations and Other Collegial Bodies
<u>2.2-3100 - 2.2-3131</u>	State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act
<u>2.2-3700 - 2.2-3714</u>	Virginia Freedom of Information Act
<u>2.2-3800 - 2.2-3809</u>	Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act

[2.2-4300 - 2.2-4377](#)

[23.1-101](#)

[23.1-200](#)

[23.1-1300 - 23.1-1310](#)

[23.1-1300.H](#)

[23.1-1303](#)

[23.1-1307](#)

[23.1-2000 - 23.1-2004](#)

[23.1-2004](#)

[24.2-230 - 24.2-238](#)

[30-56 - 30-63](#)

[30-130 - 30-142](#)

[30-178 - 30-181](#)

Appropriations Act:

[4-0.01 - 4.14.00](#)

Virginia Public Procurement Act

Endowment Funds of Public Institutions of Higher Education

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Established;

Purpose; Membership, Terms; Officers

Governing Boards of Public Institutions of Higher Education

Student Representatives to Boards of Visitors

Annual Reports Required of Boards of Visitors

Governing Boards; Expenses of Visitors

Old Dominion University

Program of Instruction to Educate and Train Teachers

Removal of Public Officers from Office

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

Auditor of Public Accounts

Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council

Appropriations; General Provisions