

**BOARD OF VISITORS
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**

**Special Full Board Meeting
Thursday, April 17, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Merten Hall, Hazel Conference Room (1201), Fairfax Campus**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rector Cully Stimson, Vice Rector Michael Meese, Secretary Armand Alacbay, Visitors Blackman, Reginald Brown (virtual), Lindsey Burke, Charles Cooper (virtual), William Hansen (virtual), Caren Merrick, Maureen Ohlhausen, and Jon Peterson.

ABSENT: Visitors Anjan Chimaladinne, Dolly Oberoi, Bob Pence, Nancy Prowitt, and Jeff Rosen.

ALSO, PRESENT: Gregory Washington, President; Rachel Spence, Staff Liaison; Carolyn Faith Hoffman, Graduate Student Representative; Anne Gentry, University Counsel; Scott Nichols, Interim Secretary pro tem and Bridget Higgins Secretary pro tem.

I. Call to Order

Rector Stimson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Rector Stimson informed the Board that several board members requested to participate remotely:

- Visitor Cooper due to his principal residence being more than 60 miles from the meeting location in Florida.
- Visitor Hansen due to a personal matter, specifically, out of town for work travel in Georgia.
- Visitor Brown due to a personal matter, specifically, work obligations in Washington, DC.

Citing the board's Electronic Meeting Participation policy, Rector Stimson **MOVED** to approve their electronic participation. The motion was **SECONDED** by Vice Rector Meese. The **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**.

Rector Stimson then welcomed Caren Merrick, who was recently appointed to the board by Governor Youngkin.

II. Committee Appointments (ACTION ITEM)

Rector Stimson announced that Visitor Hansen will serve as the second Legislative Liaison, joining Visitor Peterson in that role.

Rector Stimson then **MOVED** that the board approve the following committee appointments:

- Academic Programs, Diversity, and University Community Committee:
 - Visitor Cooper
 - Visitor Hansen
 - Visitor Ohlhausen
- Finance & Land Use Committee: Visitor Merrick
- Development Committee: Visitor Merrick
- Research Committee: visitor Hansen
- Executive Committee: Visitor Ohlhausen for the vacant Member-at-Large seat.

The motion was **SECONDED** by Vice Rector Meese. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**.
Absent: Visitors Anjan Chimaladinne, Dolly Oberoi, Bob Pence, Nancy Prowitt, and Jeff Rosen.

III. Adjournment

Rector Stimson called for any additional business to come before the Board. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Prepared by:
Bridget Higgins
Secretary pro tem

Scott Nichols
Interim Secretary pro tem