

## MINUTES

Called Meeting of the Board of Visitors  
The College of William & Mary in Virginia

Board Room – Blow Memorial Hall  
and  
Blue Room – Sir Christopher Wren Building  
February 20, 2018

Those present were:

Warren W. Buck III  
S. Douglas Bunch  
Thomas R. Frantz  
Sue H. Gerdelman  
James A. Hixon  
Barbara L. Johnson  
Anne Leigh Kerr  
John E. Littel

Christopher M. Little  
William H. Payne II  
Lisa E. Roday  
J.E. Lincoln Saunders  
Karen Kennedy Schultz  
Todd A. Stottlemeyer  
H. Thomas Watkins III  
Brian P. Woolfolk

Absent: Mirza Baig

Also in attendance were Henry R. Broaddus, Karla Bruno, Cheryl C. Corvello, Michael J. Fox, University Archivist Kimberly Sims, Brian W. Whitson, Sandra J. Wilms, as well as Presidential Search Committee members Julie Agnew, Lynn Dillon, Eric Chason, Suzanne Raitt, Lydia Whitaker and Yohance Whitaker; Erin Zagursky, Cortney Will, Emily Phillips and other William and Mary staff.

Rector Todd A. Stottlemeyer called the meeting to order in the Board Room at 9:30 a.m., thanked those attending for participating in this called meeting, and then recessed the meeting to the Blue Room in the Sir Christopher Wren Building.

The Board reconvened in the Blue Room at 9:40 a.m. The Rector recognized and thanked the Presidential Search Committee and the members of the Board of Visitors for their work, noting it was a good process with good feedback from all constituencies. He noted that the College Mace had been placed on the Blue Room table and commented on the significance and symbolism involved as the Board prepared to take an important vote for the future of the University.

Vice Rector Tom Watkins read and moved adoption of **Resolution 1**, Election of the 28<sup>th</sup> President of the College of William & Mary in Virginia. Motion was seconded by Ms. Roday and approved by roll call vote of the Board conducted by the Rector. The unanimous vote was met by a round of applause as the Wren bell was rung 28 times in honor of the 28<sup>th</sup> president. (**Resolution 1** is appended.)

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Secretary of the Board Sue Gerdelman read and moved adoption of **Resolution 2**, Resolution Commending the Presidential Search Committee, H. Thomas Watkins III, Robert M. Gates and Cheryl C. Corvello. Motion was seconded by Ms. Roday and approved by voice vote. The Rector again thanked the members of the Search Committee and Chair Tom Watkins, and recognized the Administrative Assistant to the Committee, Cheryl Corvello. (**Resolution 2** is appended.)

The Rector advised that the 28th president would be introduced to the William & Mary community in the Great Hall at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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ELECTION OF THE 28TH PRESIDENT OF  
THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY IN VIRGINIA

The Board of Visitors of The College of William & Mary in Virginia hereby elects Katherine A. Rowe, Ph.D., as the 28th President of the College of William & Mary.

Dr. Rowe shall officially assume office on July 1, 2018, for a term of five years, and be officially inaugurated at a date and time to be designated by the Rector of the College.

The Board of Visitors hereby approves and ratifies the Employment Agreement previously executed by Dr. Rowe and the Rector of the College.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING  
THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE,  
H. THOMAS WATKINS III, ROBERT M. GATES  
AND CHERYL C. CORVELLO

At their meeting on April 19, 2017, the Board of Visitors of The College of William & Mary in Virginia charged the Presidential Search Committee to conduct a national and international search for William & Mary's 28<sup>th</sup> president in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth and the equal opportunity practices of this university.

During the ten months since receiving their charge, the 19 members of the Presidential Search Committee – chaired by Vice Rector H. Thomas Watkins III and comprised of representatives from across the William & Mary community, including alumni, board members, faculty and staff, a current student leader and a recent graduate – devoted substantial time and effort to establish the search criteria, review resumes and interview candidates. They conducted more than 150 listening sessions on campus and across the country that involved nearly 1,600 participants. Via email and via the presidential search website, hundreds of comments were submitted and nearly 300 nominations received.

The Board of Visitors of The College of William & Mary in Virginia joins with the entire university community in acknowledging the leadership roles that the members of the Presidential Search Committee exercised during the search process.

The Committee was assisted throughout the process by the Administrative Assistant, Cheryl C. Corvello, who tirelessly managed the Search Committee office, and by William & Mary Chancellor Robert M. Gates, who served as Advisor to the Committee. Chancellor Gates and Ms. Corvello guided the committee and the university through a complicated process conducted with discretion, sensitivity, integrity and professionalism, reflecting credit and honor upon William & Mary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors of the College of William & Mary commends the individual members of the Presidential Search Committee and expresses its appreciation for the efforts which have contributed to the successful completion of the search process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors acknowledges the leadership of Vice Rector H. Thomas Watkins III as Chair of the Search Committee and expresses its appreciation to him for the countless hours and efforts he devoted to the process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors acknowledges the service of Robert M. Gates as Advisor to the Search Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors acknowledges the service of Cheryl C. Corvello as Administrative Assistant to the Search Committee; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy of the same be delivered to each member of the Presidential Search Committee, to Chancellor Gates and to Ms. Corvello with best wishes for continuing creative work in the years ahead.