

REVISED BOARD OF VISITORS ANNUAL RETREAT AGENDA

AUGUST 7–8, 2025

Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC)
428 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd, Richmond VA 23220

Theme: “Charting the Future: AI, Insight, and Impact”

Hotel Accommodations:

- Richmond Marriott, 500 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219; (804) 643-3400
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ricdt-richmond-marriott/overview/>
- Check-in: starting at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 6, 2025

AGENDA

(as of 7/2/2025)

Presiding: Mr. Victor K. Branch, Rector

Day 1: Thursday

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM – Byrd Meeting Room

Arrival & Breakfast

9:30 – 10:00 AM – Reynolds Leadership Center

- Opening Remarks & Retreat Overview
- Welcome by Board Chair and University President. Purpose of retreat and agenda overview.

10:00 – 11:15 AM

- Introductions of New and Continuing Board Members

11:15 – 11:30 AM

Break

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Governance 101

- Roles, Responsibilities, Bylaws, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Activity: What Would You Do?
- What’s on Your Radar? One Challenge, One Goal

12:30 – 1:20 PM – Byrd Meeting Room

Networking Lunch

Roundtable Discussions - Reynolds Leadership Center

1:30 – 2:30 PM

- “The Higher Education Landscape” President Makola M. Abdullah

2:30 – 2:45 PM Break

2:45 – 3:45 PM

- “Understanding and Governing in the Age of AI” Dr. Daniel Greenstein
Manager Director, Bakertilly
<https://www.bakertilly.com/contact/directory/daniel-greenstein>

4:00 – 4:30 PM

Leadership Beyond the Gates: Supporting the President’s External Engagement

Led by Mr. Peter McPherson

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Special Tour, Virginia Museum of History and Culture

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Dinner at the Amuse Restaurant

Located in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; 3rd floor

200 N Arthur Ashe Blvd, Richmond, VA 23220

Day 2: Friday

7:00 – 7:45 AM - Hotel Checkout

8:00 – 8:45 AM – Byrd Meeting Room

Arrival & Breakfast

9:00 – 10:15 AM

Presentation: VSU Strategic Plan, 2025-2028 *Greater by Design*

- Dr. Tia A. Minnis, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Vice President for Student Affairs/Enrollment Management

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 - 11:30 AM Byrd Meeting Room & Reynolds Leadership Center

Board Committee Breakout Discussions (The impact of AI on areas of oversight by committees)

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Reynolds Leadership Center

Retreat Wrap-Up & Action Planning: Top 3 Insights from the Retreat

12:00 PM – Byrd Meeting Room

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