

BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING
WAITZER HALL BOARDROOM, 11th Floor
March 19, 2024
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce D. Waldholtz, MD, Rector
Hon. Daun Hester, Vice Rector
Rear Admiral Robert J. Bianchi, Treasurer
Betty B. Bibbins, MD, Secretary
G. Robert Aston
George A. Faatz
Tim Faulkner
Conrad M. Hall
Naved Jafri, MD
Hon. S. Chris Jones
W. Ashton Lewis, Sr.
Keith Newby, MD
Blythe A. Scott, Esq.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Hon. Richard S. Bray
Lisa C. Chandler
G. Rusty Friddell, III, Esq.
Preston M. White

OTHERS PRESENT

Alfred Abuhamad, MD
Milton Brown
Thomasin Chrisman
Po Chou
Don Combs
Francis Counselman
Brant Cox
Vickie Dean
Anca Dobrian
Doug Gardner
Brian Hemphill- ODU
Helen Heselius
David Mu
Kayla Perkins-Holtsclaw
Stacy Purcell
Vincent Rhodes
Heidi Smith
Mary Westbrook

In a lunchtime presentation prior to the Board meeting, Bob Armstrong, Clint Crews, Alexa Soult, MD'14, and Megan Duggins discussed various aspects of clinical education at EVMS.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Bruce Waldholtz, Rector, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. after noting a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion made and seconded, the minutes of the December 5, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

Dr. Alfred Abuhamad, President and Provost, provided recommendations for appointments and promotions at the Assistant Professor and Instructor level, and presented them to the Board for action.

RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations for faculty appointments and promotions at the level of Assistant Professor and Instructor as attached hereto.

Dr. Abuhamad presented recommendations for the following academic honors:

1. John E. Snellings, MD - Glenn R. Mitchell Chair in Generalist Medicine – effective April 1, 2024
2. Matthew J. Bak, MD- Daniel W. Karakla, MD, FACS Professorship in Head and Neck Surgery- effective April 1, 2024

Dr. Abuhamad presented recommendations for Faculty Emeritus for the following:

1. Alison E. Dobbie, MBChB- Professor Emerita, effective April 1, 2024
2. Robert J. Newman, MD- Professor Emeritus, effective January 1, 2025
3. Matthew G. Bernier, MCAT, ATR-BC- Professor Emeritus, effective July 2, 2024
4. C.W. Gowen, Jr., MD- Professor Emeritus, effective July 1, 2024

RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations for academic honors listed and Faculty Emeritus as listed above.

Dr. Abuhamad presented a recommendation to confer an honorary degree on the May 2024 Commencement speaker, Garth Graham, MD.

RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the conferral of an Honorary Degree for Garth Graham, MD at the next commencement exercises.

Dr. Abuhamad presented a proposal for the creation of two new departments: Podiatry and Basic Sciences.

RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the creation of the Podiatry department, and the consolidation of the three basic science departments into one Basic Science department.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Dr. Kala Perkins-Holtsclaw provided an update on the strategic plan and the objectives accomplished to date.

Dr. Francis Counselman presented the GME Annual Institutional Review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Naved Jafri reported on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Dr. Jafri provided recommendations for appointments and promotions at the Associate Professor and Professor level, and presented them to the Board for action.

RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations for faculty appointments and promotions at the level of Professor and Associate Professor as attached hereto.

Dr. Jafri presented the following candidates for May conferral of degrees to the Board for approval for the following programs.

Doctor of Health Sciences

Doctor of Medical Science

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy in Medical and Health Professions Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Reproductive Clinical Science- Embryology and Andrology

Graduate Certificate in Clinical Andrology

Graduate Certificate in Clinical Embryology

Graduate Certificate in Core Public Health

Master of Anatomical Sciences

Master of Health Sciences, Pathologists' Assistant

Master of Healthcare Administration

Master of Medical and Health Professions Education

Master of Physician Assistant
Master of Public Health
Master of Science in Art Therapy and Counseling
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences- Medical (1 year)
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences- Medical (2 year)
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences- Research
Master of Science in Laboratory Animal Science
Master of Science in Reproductive Clinical Science- Embryology and Andrology
Master of Surgical Assisting
Doctor of Medicine

RESOLVED, that, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Visitors unanimously approved the candidates for conferral of degrees as presented and attached hereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Admiral Robert Bianchi reported on the Finance Committee.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Admiral Bianchi moved for approval of the proposed FY 2025 employee raise approval process.

RESOLVED, that, upon a motion duly made and seconded, to accommodate the timely preparation of payroll files in advance of the July 1 integration date, the Board delegates the authority to approve the FY 2025 salary increase for EVMS employees to the Finance Committee at its May meeting, subject to ratification by the Board at its next meeting.

AUDIT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Blythe Scott, Chair, reported on the Audit and Compliance meeting held this morning, March 19, 2024. Minutes were approved from the previous meetings held on December 5, 2023.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Hon. Daun Hester, Chair, reported on the Governance Committee meeting held this morning, noting minutes from the meeting held on December 5, 2023, were approved. Ms. Hester reported that the Committee had discussed Board members' terms of service.

REPORT OF THE RECTOR

Dr. Waldholtz shared that The Beazley Foundation just established a \$100,000 MD Scholarship in honor of Mr. Ashton Lewis, who has served as a Trustee of the Beazley Foundation since 1990 and is also on the EVMS BOV. The W. Ashton Lewis Sr. Endowed Scholarship will support a first year student in the MD program at EVMS.

The Beazley Foundation has supported EVMS since 1973, giving more than \$3.5 Million. Besides this most recent scholarship, the Foundation's recent gifts included expanding the Health Sciences Academy and purchasing a mass spectrometer for the Cancer Research Center. The Beazley Rotunda in Brickell was named in their honor.

Dr. Waldholtz reminded the Board of the upcoming Charity Golf Tournament.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 11, 2024. As this will be the final Board meeting before integration, we expect an abbreviated meeting and an extended Board appreciation luncheon. Details will follow.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Heidi G. Smith
Assistant Secretary to the EVMS Board of Visitors