

BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING

**Waitzer Hall Boardroom
September 19, 2023 at 1:00pm**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce D. Waldholtz, MD, Rector
Hon. Daun Hester, Vice Rector
Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, Treasurer
Betty B. Bibbins, MD, Secretary
G. Robert Aston
Lisa C. Chandler
George A. Faatz
Tim Faulkner
Naved A. Jafri, MD
W. Ashton Lewis, Sr.
Keith H. Newby, MD
Blythe A. Scott, Esq.
Preston M. White

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

G. Rusty Friddell, III, Esq.
Conrad M. Hall
Hon. S. Chris Jones

OTHERS PRESENT

Alfred Abuhamad, MD	President and Provost
Milton Brown, PhD	Vice Dean, Research
Po Chou	Chief Executive Officer, EVMS Medical Group
C. Donald Combs, PhD	Vice President, School of Health Professions
Brant Cox	Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Doug Gardner	News Director, Marketing and Communications
Mekbib Gemeda	Vice President, Diversity
Helen Heselius	Vice President of Administration and Finance
Joel Hilton	Media Technology Specialist
David Mu, PhD	Associate Dean for Research Administration
Stacy Purcell, JD	Vice President and General Counsel
Vincent Rhodes, PhD	Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Communications
Heidi Smith	Recording Secretary, EVMS Board of Visitors
Jason Sussman	Kaufman Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Bruce Waldholtz, Rector, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm, after noting a quorum was present.

Dr. Waldholtz introduced new Board member, Tim Faulkner. Mr. Faulkner is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Breeden Company.

In a lunch presentation prior to the Board meeting, Dr. Milton Brown provided an overview of the accomplishments, initiatives, goals, and challenges faced by the Office of Research.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion made and seconded, the minutes of June 20, 2023, 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.

Dr. Abuhamad recommended Mily J. Kannarkat, MD, Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine for the Sue Faulkner Scribner Distinguished Professorship in Geriatrics.

RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of Dr. Mily Kannarkat to be named the Sue Faulkner Scribner Distinguished Professorship in Geriatrics.

Dr. Abuhamad recommended David R. Spiegel, MD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences to be named the Anne Armistead Robinson Chair in Psychiatry.

RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of Dr. David R. Spiegel to be named the Anne Armistead Robinson Chair in Psychiatry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Naved Jafri, Chair, reported on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting held this morning, September 19, 2023.

Dr. Jafri presented the following recommended faculty actions for approval by the Board.

Promotions

Part-Time salaried

School of Health Professions, Master of Surgical Assisting Program

Cynthia D. Ferguson, MHS, PA-C - from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2023

Full-Time Non-Salaried

Department of Pediatrics, Division of Medical Genetics and Metabolism

Samantha A. Vergano, MD - from Associate Professor to Professor, effective July 1, 2023

Community

Department of Ophthalmology

Albert Y. Cheung, MD - from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, effective September 19, 2023

Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Nephrology

Thomas R. McCune, MD - from Associate Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine to Professor, effective September 19, 2023

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, and a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Visitors unanimously approved the faculty appointments and promotions at the level of associate professor and professor as presented.

Dr. Jafri requested approval from the Board for the following revised student policies:

- Student Events Policy and Guidelines
- Leave of Absence and Withdrawal Policy
- Interim Actions Policy

RESOLVED, that, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Visitors voted to approve the revisions to the Student Events Policy and Guidelines, the Leave of Absence and Withdrawal Policy, and the Interim Actions Policy, as presented.

Dr. Jafri summarized program changes sought by the School of Health Professions. The Committee recommends approval for the Doctor of Medical Sciences program to convert from a two-year program to a one-year program. Additionally, two related graduate certificates, the Clinical Leadership and Administration certificate and the Educational Leadership and Administration certificate, will be created.

RESOLVED, that, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Visitors voted to approve the modification of the Doctor of Medical Sciences program to a one-year program with the creation of two derivative graduate certificate programs.

Additionally, the Committee recommends approval for the Reproductive Sciences program to establish a training center based on an expansion of its existing hands-on training in IVF technologies.

RESOLVED, that, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Visitors voted to approve the development of The Center for In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Training.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rear Admiral Robert Bianchi, Chair, reported on today's meeting, noting there are no action items for the Board.

The Finance Committee approved minutes for the last three Committee meetings (March, May, and June). Additionally, the Committee reviewed the consolidated Financial Statements.

AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Blythe Scott, Chair, reported on today's meeting, noting there are no action items for the Board. The Audit and Compliance Committee approved the FY24 Internal Audit Plan. The Committee will hold a special meeting at the end of October to review and approve the external audit report.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Governance Committee did not meet in September.

REPORT OF THE RECTOR

Dr. Waldholtz requested a motion to approve Heidi Smith as Assistant Secretary of the Board of Visitors.

RESOLVED, that, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Visitors unanimously voted to appoint Heidi Smith as Assistant Secretary of the Board of Visitors.

Dr. Waldholtz reminded the Board of upcoming Board dates, as some dates had changed since the last announcement. The next Board meeting will be held on December 5, 2023. The March date remains unchanged on March 19, 2024. The final meeting for FY24 will be held on June 11, 2024, which is a week earlier than previously scheduled.

Dr. Waldholtz reported on new legislation introduced regarding loan forgiveness for specialists serving in rural communities.

EVMS' 50th Anniversary celebrations are planned in October and Board members are encouraged to attend. A picnic for community faculty, faculty, and students will be held on Wednesday, October 14. Invitations have gone out for the 50th Anniversary celebration dinner to be held on October 20, 2023.

Dr. Waldholtz updated the Board on EVMS' participation as a pilot site in the American Cancer Society's research on breast cancer.

NEW BUSINESS

The Rector announced it would be necessary to hold a closed session as permitted under the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711(A) to discuss specific proprietary, business-related information pertaining to the operations and finances of Eastern Virginia Medical School as permitted by the Code of Virginia 2.2-3711(A) (22).

Accordingly, upon a motion made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the open session and convene the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the open session adjourned at 1:14pm.

Heidi Smith, Recording Secretary
EVMS Board of Visitors

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CLOSED SESSION
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Assistant Secretary, EVMS Board of Visitors
Kaufman Hall

Dr. Bruce Waldholtz, Rector, opened this closed session at 1:14pm. The closed session was convened in order for the Board to discuss specific proprietary, business-related information pertaining to the operations and finances of Eastern Virginia Medical School, as permitted by the Code of Virginia 2.2-3711(A) (22).

The closed session adjourned at 2:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Heidi Smith, Assistant Secretary
EVMS Board of Visitors

**BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
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Dr. Bruce Waldholtz, Rector, opened the return to regular session at 2:38pm.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board certified by roll call vote that to the best of their knowledge, only such matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed and considered by the Board. Aston- yes; Bianchi- yes; Bibbins- yes; Chandler- yes; Faatz- yes; Faulkner- yes; Hester- yes; Jafri- yes; Lewis- yes; Newby- yes; Scott- yes; Waldholtz- yes; White- yes.

Dr. Waldholtz requested a motion to authorize EVMS management to provide partial payment of sick leave balances to EVMS employees in accordance with the updated terms and conditions discussed, contingent upon and subject to the final terms of the integration with ODU.

RESOLVED, that, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Visitors unanimously voted to authorize EVMS management to provide partial payment of sick leave balances to EVMS employees in accordance with the updated terms and conditions discussed, contingent upon and subject to the final terms of the integration with ODU.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Heidi Smith, Assistant Secretary
EVMS Board of Visitors