

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
BOARD OF VISITORS
FOR 2024



Col. Bill Wyatt, executive officer to the superintendent, was elected to serve as the board secretary beginning July 1, 2024 after having served as the acting board secretary for the previous year.

2. Board Member Orientations and Training: Each summer, new VMI Board of Visitor appointees receive a day of orientation and training. This year's training was conducted in August 2024. Quintin Elliott, Clifford Foster, and William Janis were in attendance for the orientation. In addition to the board president and new members, the superintendent, chief of staff, academic dean, deputy superintendent for Finance and Support, secretary to the board of visitors, and VMI's legal counsel also participated in the training. The orientation provided a series of briefings on the Institute and board matters, along with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

a. The board approved all changes in faculty appointments, to include hiring, promotion, and retirement recognition actions for faculty and staff.

b. The board approved the graduation lists for all cadets graduating from VMI, and curricular changes proposed through the Academic Affairs Committee.

c. The board performed annual reviews and approved a number of VMI strategic and operational plans. These included the Institute's Operating Budget; the SWaM Plan for small, women and minority-owned businesses; the Post Facilities Master Plan outlining the physical infrastructure and capital needs for the Institute; and VMI's Six Year Plan.

d. At the January 26-27, 2024 meeting, the board received a detailed report from the VMI superintendent, Maj. Gen. Cedric Wins '85, and senior leaders, which included key Institute events and activities, specifically he discussed implementation of the Forging 21st Century Leaders strategic plan. The board received updates on strategic enrollment efforts, academic performance, first destinations of graduates, budget, and legislative relations.

e. On March 19, 2024, the VMI Board of Visitors Audit, Finance, and Planning Committee held a special meeting to discuss VMI's fiscal year 2025 operating budget.

f. The board held their last regularly scheduled meeting of the 2023-2024 academic year May 2 - 4, 2024. Following a period of public comment in accordance with Va. Code § 23.1-307, the board received updates on post activities, events, and recognitions during the spring semester, strategic enrollment management, Call to Duty scholarships, academics, Corps training, the strategic plan, and the VMI Alumni agencies activities. The board approved the fiscal year 2025 budget and set tuition and fees for the 2024 - 2025

In accordance with standard procedures, the board was provided reports, proposals, and other documentation a week or more in advance of the meeting to facilitate preparatory review and understanding. Committee chairs collaborated with their assigned staff liaisons throughout the year to ensure topical awareness and that necessary matters were presented for board action. The majority of 2024 board resolutions were reviewed extensively by a particular committee and briefed to the full board prior to a vote being taken.

7. Conclusion: As previously noted, further detail of VMI Board of Visitors actions and activities is available within the minutes and materials archives of the respective meetings on the Board of Visitor section of the VMI website, and via reference through the Commonwealth's Calendar.

The VMI Board of Visitors past meeting information web address is as follows: <https://www.vmi.edu/about/governance/board-of-visitors/past-meetings/>. Board meeting materials are published publicly at the time the materials are provided to board members. Such meeting materials are available and archived at <https://www.vmi.edu/bovmaterials>.

Additionally, video recordings of the full board meetings are archived on the VMI Board of Visitors YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/@VMI1839-BOV>.

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