

BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING
WAITZER HALL BOARDROOM, 11th Floor
December 5, 2023
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce D. Waldholtz, MD, Rector
Hon. Daun Hester, Vice Rector
Betty B. Bibbins, MD, Secretary
G. Robert Aston
George A. Faatz
Tim Faulkner
Conrad M. Hall
Hon. S. Chris Jones (*via Zoom*)
W. Ashton Lewis, Sr.
Blythe A. Scott, Esq.
Preston M. White

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, Treasurer
Lisa C. Chandler
G. Rusty Friddell, III, Esq.
Naved A. Jafri, MD
Keith H. Newby, MD

OTHERS PRESENT

Alfred Abuhamad, MD
Bruce Bradley
Milton Brown
Thomasin Chrisman
Francis Counselman
Brant Cox
Vickie Dean
Anca Dobrian
Doug Gardner
Mekbib Gameda
Helen Heselius
David Mu
Murry Pitts
Stacy Purcell
Vincent Rhodes
Matthew Schenk
Heidi Smith
Brad Waitzer

In a lunchtime presentation prior to the Board meeting, six students shared their experiences at EVMS, what brought them here, and their future plans.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Bruce Waldholtz, Rector, called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. after noting a quorum was present. The Honorable S. Chris Jones was approved to attend the meeting virtually due to personal circumstances.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion made and seconded, the minutes of September 19, 2023 and October 27, 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 presented recommendations for the following academic honors:

1. **Shriti B. Patel, MD** - EVMS Foundation Chair in Psychiatry
2. **Sami G. Tahhan, MD**- EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Internal Medicine
3. **Gloria T. Too, MD** -EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Obstetrics & Gynecology
4. **Stephanie A. Moody Antonio, MD** - EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Otolaryngology
5. **Shriti B. Patel, MD** - EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Psychiatry
6. **Jessica R. Burgess, MD** - EVMS/Sentara Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership Advancement in Surgery
7. **John T. Sinacori, MD** - Fine Family Professorship in Otolaryngology
8. **Bahar Niknejad, MD** - Rosemary Fenton and Garnett Jordan Professorship in Geriatrics
9. **Nana K. Cudjoe, MD, MPH** - Redwood Distinguished Professorship of Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine

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

Dr. Abuhamad presented a recommendation to confer an honorary degree on S. Chris Jones.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Bruce Waldholtz, reported on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee on behalf of Dr. Naved Jafri. As a quorum was not present, no business was conducted. The approval of minutes was deferred until the March meeting. Dr. Waldholtz reported that EVMS is taking action to correct three deficiencies noted by the LCME, one of which has been changed to a satisfactory rating. The Committee heard the current status of applicants, accepted students, wait-listed students, and students recommended to the Medical Masters Program.

Dr. Waldholtz presented the following candidates for December conferral of degrees to the Board for approval.

Doctor of Philosophy in Reproductive Clinical Science

Alkon, Tamar
Colturato, Luiz
Hermoso, Maria
Lambrese, Kevin
Marchesi, Dennis
Sharma, Lakshmi
Wagner, Lisa

Doctor of Philosophy in Medical and Health Professions Education

Puccinelli-Ortega, Nicole

Art Therapy and Counseling, MS Program

Lanier, Katie

Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences- Research

Hannah, Ashleigh
Kirk, Cassandra
Miller, Noel
Pflanzer, Haley

Master of Science in Reproductive Clinical Science

Peck, Kerrie

Sanou, Aminata

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ashton Lewis reported on the Finance Committee on behalf of Admiral Bianchi. As a quorum was not present, no business was conducted. The approval of minutes was deferred until the March meeting.

Mr. Lewis reported as of October 31, 2023 there is an overall net excess of \$15.5 million. The Core net excess is \$500,000 mostly due to positive variances in salary and fringe savings from vacant positions and better than expected investment income. The salary savings negated the need for all of the budgeted core operating transfer from EVMS Reserves. Tuition and fees are below budget due to lower-than-expected enrollment in Health Professions. Department Reserves has a net excess of \$3.1 million which is \$4.4 million better than budget, mainly due to timing of transfers for clinical program support from Sentara. The Clinical Enterprise operating margin is \$4.5 million, which is on target with the budget. The EVMS Reserves has a net excess of \$9.8 million which is \$12 million more than budget, mostly due to one-time, unbudgeted revenue from Sentara. All bond covenants were met.

AUDIT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Blythe Scott, Chair, reported on the Audit and Compliance meeting held this morning, December 5, 2023. Minutes were approved from the previous meetings held on September 19, 2023 and October 31, 2023. Ms. Scott noted the FYE 2023 Audited Financial Statement was approved at the October 31, 2023 meeting and is available for the Board to review in the resource section of Diligent.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Hon. Daun Hester, Chair, reported on the Governance Committee meeting held this morning, noting minutes from the meeting held on June 20, 2023, were approved. Ms. Hester reported that the Committee had discussed proposed changes to the Board composition after integration.

REPORT OF THE RECTOR

Dr. Waldholtz discussed the American Cancer Society generational study on breast cancer in African-American women. In preparation, they selected two pilot sites, of which EVMS was one. The Rector commended Mr. Conrad Hall and Ms. Daun Hester for their work on this endeavor.

Dr. Waldholtz shared EVMS' involvement in an exciting research opportunity regarding multi-cancer early detection testing. The Rector thanked Dr. Milton Brown for his efforts in getting EVMS awarded this grant.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CLOSED SESSION

The Rector announced it would be necessary to hold a closed session as permitted under Code of Virginia. Pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3712 (A), upon a motion made and seconded, a closed session was convened at 1:32 p.m. in order to discuss proprietary, business-related information pertaining to the operations and finances of EVMS in relation to the upcoming integration, as permitted by the Code of Virginia §2.2-3711 (A)(22).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Dr. Waldholtz opened this return to regular session at 1:56 p.m. Upon a motion 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 executive session were heard, discussed, and considered by the Board. Aston- yes; Bibbins- yes; Faatz- yes; Faulkner-yes; Hall- yes; Hester- yes; Jones- yes; Lewis- yes; Scott- yes; Waldholtz- yes; White- yes.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

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