

# Biographies - 2020 Boards of Visitors Orientation

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## Governor Ralph Northam

Before he was inaugurated as the 73rd Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Ralph Northam served as an Army doctor, pediatric neurologist, business owner, state Senator and Lieutenant Governor.

A native of Virginia's Eastern Shore, Governor Northam was educated at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), where he graduated with distinction. After graduation, Governor Northam was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. He served eight years of active duty and rose to the rank of major.

He attended Eastern Virginia Medical School and then traveled to San Antonio for a pediatric residency, where he met his wife Pamela, a pediatric occupational therapist at the same hospital.

Governor Northam did his residencies at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and served as chief neurological resident at Johns Hopkins Hospital. As an Army doctor, he served in Germany, treating soldiers wounded in Operation Desert Storm.

When Governor Northam and Pamela returned home, they chose to build their life in Hampton Roads. He began practicing pediatric neurology at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk. He established Children's Specialty Group, his current medical practice, to provide expert pediatric care for patients. Governor Northam also served as assistant professor of neurology at Eastern Virginia Medical School, where he taught medicine and ethics.

Governor Northam volunteered as medical director for the Edmarc Hospice for Children in Portsmouth, where he spent 18 years caring for terminally ill children.

Governor Northam approaches public service with the same passion he brought to his military and medical service. He is committed to working with leaders from both parties to build a Virginia that works better for every family, no matter who they are or where they live.

Governor Northam is the first native of the Eastern Shore to serve as Governor since Governor Henry A. Wise took office 1856. He is also the first VMI Keydet to serve as Governor since Governor Westmoreland Davis took office in 1918.



## Ken Ampy

Ken Ampy serves as Astyra Corporation's Chief Executive Officer. In this role, he is responsible for the company's overall leadership, culture and vision, raising the business community's awareness of the 20-year-old corporation.

A five-time gubernatorial appointee, Ampy is very active in the Commonwealth, and today serves as a member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and is in his second term on the Virginia Biotech Research Park Authority Board. Previously, he served two terms on the Board of Visitors for his alma mater, Old Dominion University.

In the business community, Ampy is directly involved with and holds senior leadership roles in several business and non-profit organizations, which include Board of Directors position for the Virginia Credit Union, Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation, ChamberRVA, Venture Richmond, and Old Dominion University School of Business Advisory Board.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards throughout his professional career. They include the University of Richmond Robins School of Business Executive of the Year, the Oliver R. Singleton Humanitarian Award, Team Up Richmond Vision Award, Metropolitan Business League Distinguished Community Service Award and four-time Entrepreneur of the Year from various organizations.

Ampy attended Old Dominion University where he received a bachelor's degree in computer science. In addition, he has attended executive management programs at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern, the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and the Darden School of Business at University of Virginia.



## Alex Arriaga

Maria Alexandra (Alex) Arriaga has served in leadership positions at the White House, the U.S. Department of State, in the U.S. Congress, at major non-profit organizations, and now in the private sector. She has more than 30 years' experience working at the global and national level crafting policies and achieving priorities to advance international human rights. At the state and local level, she has engaged to enhance access to education for all.

Arriaga is founder and partner at Strategy for Humanity LLC, a consulting firm that works with mission-driven organizations and those who fund them to develop effective strategies, conduct smart advocacy and analysis, and achieve meaningful results. Her client list includes major foundations, large and small non-profits, academic institutes, and governmental institutions.

At the local level, the Arlington (Virginia) School Board recognized Arriaga as an Honored Citizen for her extraordinary and multi-year contributions to improve the education experience for students with disabilities. Her efforts to support children with autism were showcased in "More Autism Training for Teachers" (The Washington Post). At the University of Virginia, her alma mater, Arriaga serves as a donor Trustee of The Jefferson Trust and on the advisory boards of the Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, and previously served on the board of the Bolivar Network, the Alumni Association's Board of Managers, and the president's task force to address campus sexual assault.

Arriaga, a first generation American of Spanish and Chilean descent, is the recipient of many awards, including the University of Virginia's Distinguished Alumna Award, the U.S. Secretary of State's Superior Honor Award, and the Minority Business & Professionals Network Award for Outstanding Leadership, Service and Achievement.



## Rosa Atkins

Dr. Rosa Atkins is a member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and superintendent of Charlottesville City Schools, a division that serves economically, ethnically, and racially diverse students in nine schools. During Dr. Atkins' tenure, Charlottesville City Schools has become one of the top performing school divisions in the state with a graduation completion index of 90% and one of the best Advanced Placement programs in the area. In 2011, she was named Virginia Superintendent of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, as well as Virginia State University Alumna of the Year for Professional Education. In 2015-16, she served as President of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents. Under her leadership, Charlottesville schools have been marked by innovation and collaboration. The creation of advanced manufacturing and engineering labs at Buford Middle School and Charlottesville High School – as well as new curricula and engineering pathways – have been made possible by a partnership with area businesses, school divisions, and the University of Virginia.

Because of this commitment to innovation, Dr. Atkins was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as one of 100 Future Ready Superintendents in 2014 and invited to the American Association of School Administrators' Digital Consortium at the White House. In October 2016, Dr. Atkins was named as one of two national finalists for the Women in School Leadership Award for Superintendents, presented annually by the School Superintendents Association (AASA) in cooperation with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She is the President-elect for the Urban Superintendents Association of America.

Dr. Atkins demonstrates her commitment to developing future leaders by serving as an Executive Board member and mentor for aspiring superintendents for AASA/Howard University Superintendents Academy.

Dr. Atkins is an alumna of Virginia State University and Virginia Tech.



## Toya Barnes-Teamer

A principal of HCM Strategists' higher education team, Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer provides expertise in state and system-level higher education research, policy and cross sector collaboration. She provides technical support to systems and institutions to support student success, as well as system and institutional assessments to identify barriers and opportunities to increase student retention and completion. She also helps to identify strategies focused on improving outcomes and closing achievement gaps.

Dr. Barnes-Teamer brings more than 25 years of experience in higher education administration to the HCM team, most recently as vice president for student success at Dillard University (LA) where she coordinated the planning, development, organization and administration of the university's governing policies with the executive cabinet. She also was responsible for the development of the enrollment management plan at the university, as well as the university's retention initiatives.

Previously, Dr. Barnes-Teamer served as senior vice president for academic and student affairs for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), after serving as vice chancellor/provost for Louisiana Technical College, District One. Prior to her tenure at LCTCS, she was associate director of admissions for recruitment and enrollment management at the University of New Orleans (LA) and associate director of admissions at Loyola University (LA).

She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Loyola University New Orleans and received a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of New Orleans.



## Peter A. Blake

Peter Blake joined the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as interim director in 2011 and became director in January 2012. Blake previously worked at SCHEV as an associate director overseeing higher education analyses in the areas of faculty and staff compensation, higher education funding policies, academic libraries, distance learning and instructional technology and student financial aid.

Blake left SCHEV in 1999 to serve as the legislative fiscal analyst for the Virginia General Assembly's House Appropriations Committee. From 2002-2006, he was deputy secretary of education and secretary of education under former Governor Mark Warner. He later served as the vice chancellor of workforce development services for the Virginia Community College System, where he led policy and budget development for state and federal workforce programs.

Blake completed the Virginia Executive Institute and Lead Virginia programs, as well as the Associates program through the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education and The Executive Program at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business. He holds B.A. and M.S. degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University.



## The Honorable Fran Bradford

Fran Bradford has spent the past 27 years championing Virginia higher education through the state and federal legislative and policy processes. She currently serves as Deputy Secretary of Education. Prior to this role, she was at William & Mary for 14 years, most recently serving as the associate vice president for government relations. Before arriving at William & Mary, Bradford served in several communications and government relations roles at the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) from 1990-2003. In fall 2005, she was called on to fill the position of Deputy Secretary of Education during the remaining months of Governor Mark Warner's term.

Bradford also serves on the Executive Board of the Virginia Network, an organization that promotes women's leadership in higher education. She previously served as chair of the taskforce for the National Higher Education Government Relations Conference.

Bradford earned a B.A. from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, and she holds a Masters of Public Administration from Virginia Tech. She also holds a certificate of completion from Virginia's Commonwealth Management Institute.



## Marge Connelly

Marge Connelly is chair of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and a former financial-services executive, having held senior roles in Virginia with Capital One (executive vice president of operations), and Wachovia Securities (chief operating officer), as well as with Barclays in London (global chief operating officer of Barclaycard). In these roles, she has led large, complex organizations through many transformation and integration efforts and developed the strategies and operational capabilities needed to innovate and grow.

As a strong advocate for higher education, Connelly has served in roles including the University of Richmond, Robins School of Business Executive Advisory Council; the VCU Business School Foundation board; rector of the Board of Visitors for Longwood University; and Longwood University as interim president for the 2012-13 academic year.

Connelly also has served on the boards of several other nonprofit organizations including the Council for Virginia's Future; the Greater Richmond Partnership (former chair); the Greater Richmond YMCA; and the Central Virginia Food Bank (former chair). She currently serves on the boards of The Women's Initiative and The Center for Non-Profit Excellence, both based in

Charlottesville. In addition, she has served on a number of professional boards and committees associated with the credit card and securities industries and recently joined the board of directors for Portfolio Recovery Associates based in Norfolk.

Connelly has received numerous accolades for her work in both business and the community and has spoken at national and regional conferences on a wide range of topics such as leadership, corporate citizenship, digital engagement, change management, diversity and the millennial workforce.

## **R. Kelly Crace**

Dr. Crace is the associate vice president for health & wellness at William & Mary and the director of the Center for Mindfulness and Authentic Excellence (CMAX). He is a licensed psychologist, the co-author of the Life Values Inventory and creator of The Life Values Inventory Online, an online mini-course for values clarification and personal development.

He has published and presented in the areas of values, flourishing, transition, identity development and organizational development. He is president of Applied Psychology Resources and has conducted more than 3,000 seminars for academic, business, and sport groups. He has served as the director of two college mental health centers at Duke University and at William & Mary.

He is co-inventor of a U.S. Patented Interactive Sports Simulator System designed for scientific and entertainment application. Crace was the recipient of the Chambers-Reid Award for Professional Excellence at William & Mary.

Dr. Crace received his academic and clinical training from Vanderbilt University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University.

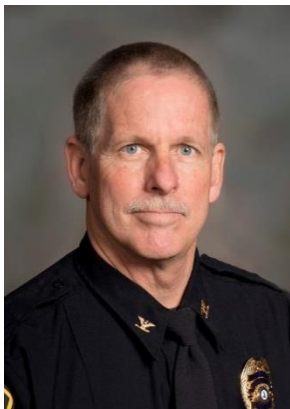


## **Glen DuBois**

Dr. Glenn DuBois was hired in 2001 to serve as chancellor of Virginia's Community Colleges (VCCS), a system of 23 colleges and 40 campuses serving nearly 252,000 people a year. DuBois has led the VCCS through two successful strategic plans and into a third called Complete 2021, which aims to triple the number of credentials the colleges put into Virginia's economy. Virginia's adoption of the Workforce Credentials Grants program, which funds short-term training programs for the first time, is among his proudest achievements.

During DuBois' tenure, Virginia's Community Colleges have signed groundbreaking guaranteed transfer agreements with more than 30 public and private universities; become Virginia's leading provider of workforce development services, helped Virginia close headline-grabbing economic-development deals; diversified community-college funding sources; and maintained a tuition rate that is one-third of the comparable rate at Virginia's universities. The Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society presented DuBois with its State Community College Award of Distinction in 2008.

Prior to coming to Virginia, DuBois served as the commissioner and CEO of the New Hampshire Community Technical College System and director of community colleges for the State University of New York, one of America's largest networks of community colleges. DuBois earned his doctorate in higher education administration, research and policy from the University of Massachusetts. He holds a master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University, a bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University and an associate of science degree from the State University of New York in Farmingdale.



## Kevin Foust

Kevin Foust has served as Chief of Police and Director of Security at Virginia Tech since August 2014. Foust joined the Virginia Tech Police Department in 2011 as the deputy chief of police and assistant director of security after a 24-year career with the FBI.

As deputy chief and assistant director of security, Foust managed security operations for the university's facilities across Virginia and overseas. In addition, he led the police department's administrative division, which included communications, community outreach, security, and the Safe Ride program.

Foust began his career at the FBI in 1987. He served in several capacities including unit chief of the Usama Bin Laden Unit in the Counter-terrorism Division. He was the supervisory senior resident agent for Southwest Virginia prior to joining the university.

Foust received two bachelor's degrees from Grove City College in Pennsylvania.



## Alan Gernhardt

Alan Gernhardt is the executive director of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council. He began working with the Council as a staff attorney in 2004, and became executive director in 2017. The Council issues formal and informal advisory opinions, publishes educational materials, provides training presentations and serves as a legislative forum regarding access to public records and meetings under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Gernhardt earned a B.S. from Indiana University and a J.D. from the University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law.



## Victoria Harker

Victoria Harker is a member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and executive vice president and chief financial officer for TEGNA Inc., formerly Gannett Co. Inc. Before joining Gannett, Harker served as CFO and president of global business services of the AES Corp., a multinational power company. Prior to joining AES, Harker served as acting CFO and treasurer of MCI from 2002 to 2006, and served as CFO of MCI Group from 1998 to 2002.

Harker holds leadership roles on the boards of Huntington Ingalls Industries and Xylem Inc. From 2012-2016 she served on the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, where she chaired the Finance Committee and was a member of the Executive Committee as well as the Special Committee on Governance on the University of Virginia's College at Wise and most recently, the presidential search committee. She also previously served as the chair of UVA's Alumni Association Board of Managers. She is a trustee of UVA's Batten School of Leadership, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Jefferson Trust. In addition, Harker serves on the board of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council.

Harker received her bachelor's degree in English, with a concentration in economics, from the University of Virginia, and a master's in business administration, with a concentration in finance, from American University.



## James Hazel

James “Jimmy” Hazel, rector at George Mason University, is a graduate of the George Mason University School of Law. Upon graduation, he clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Albert V. Bryan, Jr. and then joined the Hazel/Peterson Companies. Later he moved to Richmond to help start a new lobbying firm in the state capitol, The Vectre Corporation. He was later recognized by the Richmond Times Dispatch as one of the top 10 lobbyists in Virginia. He joined Williams Mullen Government Affairs as its CEO where he represented many Northern Virginia interests with a focus on technology issues. In 2002, he joined the administration of Governor Mark R. Warner as an advisor on economic development and technology and served as the Governor’s lobbyist. After his time with the Governor’s office he left his lobbying career behind and helped to start several family businesses.

Mr. Hazel has been actively involved at George Mason since his graduation from law school. He previously served on the Board of Visitors from 1994 to 2002 and is a past president of the Mason Alumni Association. Mr. Hazel established the Hazel History and New Media Endowment in 2001, the Virginia E. Hazel and Art History Junior Faculty Award, and the Hazel Scholars Endowment. He continues to serve as the chair of the Faster Farther Campaign, Mason’s comprehensive \$500 million campaign to support students, faculty, and research, and to continue building the Mason community.

Mr. Hazel has served on many statewide boards and chaired several of them. These include the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries where he served for 10 years and chaired the Agency for three years. Other boards include the Virginia Information Technologies Agency, The Virginia Historical Society, The Virginia Public Safety Foundation, Virginia Free, The Wildlife Foundation of Virginia, Virginia 21 and the Potomac Science Center.



## The Honorable Megan Healy

Dr. Megan Healy serves on Governor Northam’s Cabinet as his Chief Workforce Development Advisor. As the Commonwealth’s highest ranking workforce officer, she oversees a range of regional, state and federal programs that connect Virginians to the skills, training and opportunities they need to thrive in the 21st century economy. In addition to her partners within government, Healy works closely with Virginia’s labor and business communities to identify and fill vacant jobs in high-demand sectors including IT, healthcare and energy.

Having started her career as a science professor at Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville, Secretary Healy keenly appreciates how education can change lives and communities. Prior to joining the Northam administration, she served as Virginia’s first director of STEM-H under Governor McAuliffe before returning to the Virginia Community College System as assistant vice chancellor for academics. Secretary Healy is a proud product of Virginia’s public schools, holding a bachelor’s degree from Virginia Tech, a master’s from Virginia Commonwealth University and a doctorate from Old Dominion University.



## Thaddeus Holloman, Sr.

Thaddeus B. Holloman, Sr. is senior vice president and Newport News City executive for Old Point National Bank and a member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Holloman has more than 30 years experience in banking with primary emphasis in commercial lending and relationship management. His portfolio of clients includes small and large businesses, municipal entities, medical practices and non-profit organizations.

Holloman is active in the community, currently serving as a member of the following boards, commissions and community organizations: Riverside Health System, the Newport News Education Foundation, the Newport News Employees Retirement Fund Committee on Investments and the Virginia Peninsula Chapter of 100 Black Men of America. He is a former member of the Newport News

Economic Development Authority, Newport News School Board, Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors, and the Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority.

Holloman is also a recipient of the Humanitarian Award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and completed the CIVIC Leadership Institute in 2006.

He received his undergraduate degree in business administration from Howard University. He also graduated from the Virginia Bankers Association School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia and the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking at the University of Delaware.



### **Anne Holton**

Anne Holton is back as a faculty member after serving as interim president of George Mason University from 2019-20. Holton is a professor at the Schar School of Policy and Government and at the College of Education and Human Development, and a visiting Fellow at EdPolicyForward. She is a lifelong advocate for children and families in Virginia.

With an A.B. from Princeton and a Harvard law degree, Anne Holton has worked as a legal aid lawyer serving low-income families, a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge, a child welfare reformer and Virginia's Secretary of Education. Holton helped integrate the inner-city schools of Richmond, Va., as a child when her father was Virginia's governor in the early 1970s. As Virginia's First Lady when her husband was Governor from 2006-2010, Holton championed foster care system reform. As Virginia's Secretary of Education in 2014-2016, Holton worked to increase Virginia's investment in public education, to promote innovation and the joy of teaching and learning in our schools, and to ensure every student has a successful pathway to the future, especially those in high-poverty communities. Her life's work has focused on children and families at the margin, and the crucial role education must play in helping young people escape poverty. Holton currently serves on the Virginia Board of Education.



### **The Honorable Aubrey Layne, Jr.**

Aubrey L. Layne, Jr. serves as the Secretary of Finance in Governor Ralph S. Northam's administration. He currently oversees the four main finance agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia: Department of Accounts; Department of Planning and Budget; Department of Taxation; and Department of the Treasury – along with the Virginia Resources Authority.

Previously, Governor Terence R. McAuliffe appointed Mr. Layne as Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia – he served in this capacity from January 2014 - January 2018. As the Secretary of Transportation, he oversaw seven agencies with over 10,000 employees and combined budgets of more than \$6 billion. Prior to his appointment, he represented the Hampton Roads area on the Commonwealth Transportation Board from 2006 until January 2014.

Before his service to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Mr. Layne most recently served as president of An Achievable Dream Academy in Newport News, Virginia, a unique partnership between Newport News Public Schools, the City of Newport News and the local business community to give students who are at risk of failure in school due to socioeconomic factors, a chance to succeed.

Mr. Layne also has served as president and principal broker of Great Atlantic Properties; he joined the company in 1994 and was responsible for operational activities, new business acquisition, and capital improvement strategy. Prior to joining Great Atlantic, he has held various positions at Hofheimer's Inc., and ended his tenure there as president. Mr. Layne began his career as a Certified Public Accountant with KPMG.

Mr. Layne earned a B.S. in accounting from the University of Richmond and received an MBA from Old Dominion University with a concentration in international business. In 2011, he completed the University of Virginia's Sorensen Institute for Political Leaders program.



### **Deborah "Deb" Love**

Deb Love is senior assistant attorney general and chief of the education section of the Office of the Attorney General. The 45 attorneys in the section provide legal services to all of Virginia's public institutions of higher education; the Virginia Department of Education, which supervises K-12 education; the commonwealth's various higher education centers; and the public museums. Prior to being appointed as section chief, Deb served eight years as the first in-house counsel at William & Mary.

Deb joined the Attorney General's Office in 1985, starting in the Natural Resources Section, where she was the first attorney to have represented the three major environmental policy boards (air, water and waste). She joined the education section in 2000 and has represented several universities, as well as other education agencies. She received both the Attorney General's Meritorious Service Award and the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award. She graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law, where she was the managing editor of the *Law Review*.



### **Michael Maul**

Michael Maul serves as the associate director of the education and transportation division within the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget (DPB). He advises Governor Northam, the governor's staff, various cabinet secretaries, and the state budget director on policy, program, legislative and budget issues involving state agencies in the education and transportation secretariats.

He and his staff also are responsible for developing and executing the state budget for these agencies, and reviewing related legislation for fiscal impacts. In addition, he is responsible for managing DPB's capital-outlay budget process. Maul has been an associate director at DPB for 23 years, and has worked with most areas of Virginia's state government during this time.

Previously, Maul held several budget and policy analyst positions within the Department of Planning and Budget, and an environmental-scientist position with the consulting firm Midwest Research Institute.

He received his bachelor's degree in environmental resource management from Allegheny College, and his master's in environmental management and an MBA from Duke University.



### **Reena Medavarapu**

Reena Medavarapu is a junior at Virginia Tech majoring in computational modeling and data analytics with minors in economics and intellectual property. She leads the Student Advisory Committee of SCHEV for the 2020-21 academic year. On campus, she is an officer in student government and is involved in the Society of Women Engineers. Outside of academics, she enjoys swimming, traveling and trying out new foods.



## Stephen Moret

Stephen Moret is president and CEO of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), the economic development authority for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Prior to VEDP, Moret served as president and CEO of the LSU Foundation, as well as executive director of the LSU Property Foundation. Moret also served as secretary of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED), which he transformed into one of America's top state economic development agencies. During Moret's tenure, LED repeatedly was recognized as one of the top-performing state economic development agencies in the U.S., and Louisiana improved to its highest-ever position in every national ranking of state business climates. Business Facilities ranked LED FastStart the best state workforce training program in the U.S. every year from 2009 through 2015.

Moret previously served as president and CEO of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce; a management consultant with McKinsey & Company; a public policy fellow with the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (a good-government think tank); a consultant to Harvard Business School; assistant to the chancellor of LSU; and an environmental consultant to industry at Trinity Consultants.

Moret earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering from LSU and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He earned a doctorate (Ed.D.) in higher education management, with distinction for dissertation, from the University of Pennsylvania, where his research focused on linkages between higher education and the labor market in the United States.

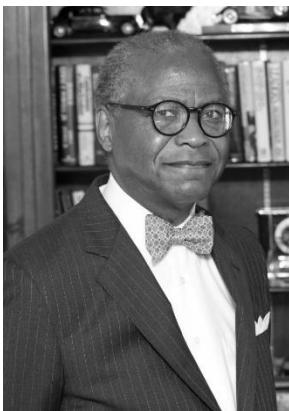


## The Honorable Atif Qarni

Prior to his appointment as Governor Northam's Secretary of Education in 2018, Atif Qarni taught at Beville Middle School in Prince William County, leading courses in civics, economics, U.S History, and mathematics. He also served as a GED Night School Instructor. In 2016, Atif was recognized as the Dale City Teacher of the Year.

In addition to his work as an educator, Atif is a former Sergeant of the United States Marine Corps, who deployed to Iraq in 2003 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also has served at the state level, having been appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to the Small Business Commission in 2013.

Secretary Qarni holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from George Washington University and a master's degree in History and a teaching license from George Mason University.



## Alvin Schexnider

Dr. Alvin J. Schexnider was an executive vice president at Norfolk State University where he also served as interim president. Following an 18-month hiatus, he served as president of Thomas Nelson Community College from 2008 to 2011 before a second retirement. Dr. Schexnider is a former chancellor of Winston-Salem State University and has held faculty and administrative positions at Southern University, Syracuse University, The Federal Executive Institute, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Virginia Commonwealth University and Wake Forest University. He is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and is the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the J. Sergeant Reynolds Award for Outstanding Service in Public Administration, the Grambling State University Distinguished Alumni Award, the Alpha Phi Alpha Distinguished Educator of the Year Award, and he was inducted into the Grambling State University Hall of Fame.

Dr. Schexnider earned a B.A. from Grambling State University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Northwestern University, where he held Norman Wait Harris, Ford Foundation, and Woodrow Wilson fellowships. He has served on the boards of Excelsior College, Virginia State University and Virginia Wesleyan College.



## Tom Slater

Tom Slater serves as vice chair of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, as well as chair emeritus for Hunton Andrews Kurth's litigation, labor and competition practices. He has over 30 years' experience handling antitrust and competition trials. His work focuses on complex antitrust, intellectual property, franchise and unfair trade practice disputes, as well as white-collar criminal defense representations.

Slater has handled more than 70 jury trials in state and federal courts throughout the United States and has been admitted pro hac vice in multiple jurisdictions, including California, Delaware, Alabama, Mississippi, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Florida, Texas, Indiana and South Dakota.

Slater has served as lead trial counsel for Fortune 100 companies in numerous national and state class-action antitrust and patent infringement cases. Notable recent representations include successful results in major national litigation in the processed meat, electric utility and mobile telecommunications industries.

A member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, Slater is admitted to practice before the Fourth, Fifth and District of Columbia U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal and U.S. Supreme Court. He has been active in bar and community activities and is a past president of the Richmond Bar Association and a former member of the Virginia State Bar Executive Committee. For more than 10 years, Slater has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for his antitrust and corporate litigation experience.



## Amy Stoakley Sebring

Amy Stoakley Sebring is COO of William & Mary. Prior to stepping into that role in 2020, Amy served as the university's CFO and vice president for finance and technology. Amy previously served as the senior associate dean for finance and administration at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Medicine, as well as the executive director of MCV Physicians — the affiliated, faculty physician group practice.

Before entering higher education administration, Stoakley Sebring served in a variety of roles with the Commonwealth of Virginia, working as the higher education and debt analyst for the Virginia Senate Finance Committee, as the finance policy director for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and as a budget analyst for the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget. She began her career in education policy as a research associate with the Education Commission of the States, a national non-partisan policy organization located in Colorado. She received a bachelor's degree in public policy studies from Duke University, a master of public policy from William & Mary and a post-baccalaureate certificate in accounting from Virginia Commonwealth University.



## Henry Stoevers

Henry Stoevers serves as AGB's president and CEO where he is responsible for the leadership and operations of the \$17 million, 52-person national organization, serving more than 1,300 boards, and representing more than 40,000 individual trustees, across more than 2,000 member institutions, systems and foundations nationwide. Stoevers's leadership role champions AGB's educational and advocacy work, including AGB Consulting and AGB Search, a wholly owned private company of AGB.

In Stoevers's previous position at National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), he oversaw marketing, partner relations and board-development teams, helping to provide insights on critical issues that shape board agendas for the largest association of corporate directors in the United States.

Prior to NACD, Stoever spent four years at Brazos Higher Education Service Corporation. He has also held several marketing leadership positions for CoStar Group, Inc., Sprint-Nextel Corporation, LexisNexis Group Inc., and Kraft Foods, Inc. Stoever also served for five years in the United States Marine Corps, resigning at the rank of captain.

In addition to his service as a trustee for the United States Naval Academy Foundation's Academic and Scholarship Programs board, Stoever is a member of the board of directors for the Boulder Crest Retreat for Wounded Warriors, and previously held positions on the board of directors of the Chesapeake Bayhawks and Bethesda Lacrosse. He also was a visiting professor at American University's Kogod School of Business from 2010 to 2014.

He holds a B.S. in economics from the United States Naval Academy and an MBA in marketing and strategy from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.



### **The Honorable Kelly Thomasson**

Kelly Thomasson currently serves as Secretary of the Commonwealth. She is passionate about creating a state government that is open and welcoming to everyone. She assists Governor Northam in recruiting and appointing more than 3,000 qualified, service-minded individuals to serve on Virginia's boards, commissions and councils. She also oversees the Governor's restoration of civil rights to returning citizens, facilitating the restoration of rights to more than 180,000 individuals to date. In addition, her office serves the Commonwealth through managing clemency petitions, extraditions, service of process, authenticating documents and commissioning Notaries Public. The Secretary of the Commonwealth acts as the Governor's liaison to Virginia's Indian Tribes, as well as the Council on Women.

Thomasson joined Governor McAuliffe's administration as Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth in 2014, and was appointed Secretary in 2016. Prior to that service, she worked for Senator Mark Warner for 13 years in both his U.S. Senate office and the Office of the Governor.

Thomasson is involved in many local community activities, including serving on the board of the Ashland Main Street Association. She serves on the Lead Virginia Board of Directors and was appointed by Governor McAuliffe to serve on the Virginia Information Technology Advisory Council. She is a graduate of Lead Virginia and was named Top 40 Under 40 by *Style Weekly* in 2017.

She is a native of Richmond and received a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.



### **The Honorable Janice Underwood**

Dr. Janice Underwood serves as Governor Northam's Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. As the Commonwealth's first Chief Diversity Officer, she is committed to addressing racial, ethnic, disability, gender-based and other cultural inequities in formal and informal policies and practices in Virginia state government.

Prior to her appointment, Dr. Underwood served as Old Dominion University's director of diversity initiatives and as chair of the President's Task Force on Inclusive Excellence. She previously served as the executive director and co-principal investigator for the Old Dominion University Teacher in Residence master's program. Dr. Underwood also served for a number of years as a national board certified teacher for students with exceptionalities in Hampton City Schools. During her time as a classroom teacher, she served for two terms on the Virginia Advisory Board for Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL). As a national expert in the cultural contexts of public education, change management and leadership, and professional development/training, Dr. Underwood works to make the public and private sectors more culturally relevant. In doing so, she prepares professionals from a myriad of fields to meet the demands of working in diverse environments and address difficult truths, such as the school to prison pipeline, the lack of diversity in the workforce, and systemic and institutional bias.

She earned her bachelor's and master's degree from Hampton University in psychology and behavior/learning disorders, respectively. In 2015, she earned her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Old Dominion University, where her research focused on culturally relevant pedagogy.



### **Katharine Webb**

Katharine Webb has worked in health care for over 42 years. The majority of her career she served as senior vice president of the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA). Prior to her service at VHHA, she worked at the Virginia Department of Health and Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital and was on the faculty of the University of Virginia Medical Center.

Among her many accomplishments, Webb played an integral role in making health care available for more Virginia children; she worked hard to ensure that opportunities for health care careers were available for all Virginians; worked to ensure transparency of health care information is available through the Patient Level and All-Payer Claims Database; and worked hard to improve the safety and quality of care delivered to patients in Virginia hospitals.

Mrs. Webb currently serves on the SCHEV Board as a member and secretary. Her additional current and past community activities include service on the St. Paul's Church Property Committee and every Member Canvas Community; Rx Partnership Board member and treasurer; Senior Connections, board member and chairman; VCU Foundation, board member; Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work, former member of the advisory board; and the Virginia Public Access Project, where she served as board member and chairman.

In addition to her community service, Mrs. Webb has received several recognitions and awards, including the 2012 Award of Excellence from the American College of Healthcare Executives, inaugural class of the Influential Women of Virginia in 2009; VHHA Meritorious Service Award in 2003 and VCU Alumni Star in 2001.

Mrs. Webb matriculated at Sweet Briar College in American studies and received her master's in social work from VCU.



### **Huron Winstead**

Huron Winstead is an accomplished executive with 27 years of experience in the consulting engineering industry. As president of Winstead Management Group, LLC, headquartered in Richmond, VA, Winstead provides construction management services operating in the U.S. public and private infrastructure sectors.

Winstead has served as the vice president and area managing principal for MWH Americas Inc., a global consulting engineering company where he was responsible for market development and operations in South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Winstead has also served as director of government relations for MWH in Los Angeles, California. He is an inspirational leader dedicated to the enrichment and development of future talent. Through his leadership and collaboration, the Los Angeles Board of Public Works High School Internship Program was created in 2003. This program has placed more than 400 Los Angeles Unified School District students into paid internships with local, national and multi-national engineering and construction companies.

Winstead has served on several national and regional boards including: The National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) Corporate Advisory Council and Board of Directors; and the Chicago Communities in Schools Associate Board of Directors.

Winstead is a graduate of Virginia State University and was appointed to the Virginia State University Board of Visitors in July of 2013.