

Biographies - 2023 Boards of Visitors Orientation



The Honorable Glenn Youngkin, Governor of Virginia

Governor Glenn Youngkin is a homegrown Virginian who grew up in Richmond and Virginia Beach. As his father changed jobs, Governor Youngkin learned that moving around didn't equal moving up – nothing was handed to him. From his first job washing dishes and frying eggs at a diner in Virginia Beach, he embraced hard work and responsibility to help his family when his father lost his job. His determination to succeed earned him multiple high school basketball honors in Virginia and an athletic scholarship to college.

After earning an engineering degree at Rice University, and his MBA at Harvard Business School, Governor Youngkin and his wife Suzanne moved to Northern Virginia. He landed a job at The Carlyle Group, where he spent the next 25 years. Working his way to the top of the company, Governor Youngkin played a key role in building Carlyle into one of the leading investment firms in the world. His efforts have helped fund the retirements of teachers, police officers, firefighters and other frontline

public servants and supported hundreds of thousands of American jobs.

Married for over 27 years to his amazing wife Suzanne, Governor Youngkin is a dedicated father of four wonderful children. Their family journey has been and continues to be guided by their faith.



The Honorable Jason Miyares, Attorney General of Virginia

Attorney General Jason Miyares' story doesn't start in Virginia, but in Havana, Cuba when his mother, Miriam Miyares, fled communist Cuba, penniless and homeless. She immigrated to Virginia and raised Jason to appreciate freedom, fairness and justice for all. He previously served as a prosecutor in the Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney Office, where he worked alongside law enforcement to keep the community safe. In 2015, almost 50 years to the day that she fled Cuba, Miriam was able to vote for her son Jason Miyares to represent her in the Virginia House of Delegates. After serving for three terms in the state legislature, he ran and was elected the 48th Attorney General of Virginia.

Miyares is the first Hispanic American to be elected to a statewide office in Virginia, and the first child of an immigrant to be Attorney General. Since his inauguration in January 2022, Miyares has focused on fighting violent crime and improving public safety, strengthening economic growth, combatting the deadly impact of opioids and fentanyl and protecting Virginians from corporate misconduct. Miyares

also launched Operation Ceasefire during his first year - a multifaceted approach to fighting violent crime by focusing on violence intervention in communities and aggressive prosecution of violent gun crimes. A product of Virginia public schools, Miyares graduated with a bachelor's in business administration from James Madison University and a J.D. from William & Mary's School of Law.



The Honorable Kelly Gee, Secretary of the Commonwealth

In August 2023, Governor Youngkin appointed Kelly Gee to serve as the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Secretary Gee spent the last decade in public service, including eight years as a senior staff member to General Assembly leadership and five years at the Virginia Lottery.

Her time in the legislative branch culminated in being named deputy chief of staff to the 55th Speaker of the House where she became well versed in policy development, committee operations and legislative process.

Secretary Gee also served as manager of government relations and executive director of the Virginia Lottery. During her time as executive director, the agency reported record sales of \$4.6 billion, record profits for K-12 education of \$867 million, regulated sports betting activity that saw over \$5 billion wagered in a fiscal year and assisted in the opening of three of Virginia's first land-based casinos.

Secretary Gee holds an undergraduate degree in government from William & Mary and a master's in political science from Virginia Tech.



The Honorable Aimee Guidera, Secretary of Education

Aimee Rogstad Guidera was named Secretary of Education by Governor Glenn Youngkin in December 2021. In this Cabinet position, she oversees education from Pre-K through postsecondary in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Before joining the Youngkin administration, Secretary Guidera was a strategic consultant helping states, foundations, companies and nonprofit organizations strengthen their efforts to improve student learning and outcomes. Prior to launching her consultancy, she was founder, president and CEO of the Data Quality Campaign (DQC), a national, nonprofit advocacy organization leading the effort to ensure that students, parents, educators, and policymakers have the right information to guide their actions so that every student can excel.

A respected thought leader in education, Secretary Guidera was named one of TIME's 12 Education Activists of 2012. She has also been cited as an expert on education policy and the value of education data by publications such as Business Week, NPR, and Education Week. She is a Pahara-Aspen

Education Fellow, American Enterprise Institute Fellow and an alumna of the Institute for Educational Leadership's Education Policy Fellowship Program. She has served on the board of directors of the American Succeeds, Institute for Educational Leadership, Policy Innovators in Education Network, the Friends of the Hennepin County Library, Minnesota Comeback, Conservative Leaders for Education, and on the advisory board for the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard.

Before founding DQC, Secretary Guidera served as the director of the Washington, DC, office of the National Center for Educational Achievement. She previously served as vice president of programs for the National Alliance of Business (NAB), worked in the education division of the National Governors Association's Center for Best Practices, and taught for the Japanese Ministry of Education.



The Honorable Stephen Cummings, Secretary of Finance

Stephen Cummings took the oath of office to serve as Secretary of Finance on January 15, 2022. He 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 and Virginia Board of Accountancy.

Secretary Cummings is a leader in the domestic and international financial services industry – most recently serving as president and chief executive officer of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) in the Americas, one of the five largest banks in the world and the largest foreign bank operating in the United States. Prior to his role at MUFG, he served as chairman of UBS's Investment Banking division in the Americas; global head of corporate and investment banking at Wachovia Bank; and as chairman and chief executive officer at Bowles Hollowell Conner & Co. Secretary Cummings has an MBA from Columbia University Graduate School of Business and a bachelor of arts degree from Colby College.



The Honorable John Littel, Secretary of Health and Human Resources; Member and Former Rector, Board of Visitors, William & Mary

John Littel is the Secretary of Health and Human Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He brings 30 years of public policy experience to the Administration, developing private sector solutions for Medicaid, advocating for independent living for seniors and people with disabilities, and leading mental health and substance use disorder programs.

Twenty-six years ago, Secretary Littel was the Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Resources. Since then, he has held senior roles at Magellan Health, Anthem, and Amerigroup, as well as at both the federal and state government levels. He has taught government, politics and communications at the graduate level, and has also served as a member of the William & Mary Public Policy Board of Advisors.

In 2012, Secretary Little was appointed to the Board of Visitors of William & Mary and served as Rector. He earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy and political science from the University of Scranton and a J.D. from The Columbus School of Law at Catholic University.



The Honorable Richard Cullen, Counselor to the Governor

Richard Cullen serves as counselor to the Governor and provides oversight and guidance for legal matters occurring within the Office of the Governor. He also is a senior partner at McGuireWoods and has had a distinguished career in both the public and private sector. He has served as the Attorney General of Virginia having been appointed by Governor George Allen in 1997. He served as co-chair on Governor George Allen's Commission on Parole Abolition and Sentencing Reform with former Attorney General William P. Barr. He also served as U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia from 1991-93, nominated by President George H. W. Bush.

From 2006-2017, Richard served as chairman of McGuireWoods and represented clients, both corporate and individuals, in the most important investigations in recent years. His clients include former Vice President Mike Pence, The Boeing Company, the Chairman of BP America, and several state and local elected officials including Governor Wilder and Richmond Major Dwight Jones. Cullen

has represented clients domestically and abroad, including the parents of Otto Warmbier, the University of Virginia student held hostage by North Korea. He is active in several civic organizations in the Richmond area and across the Commonwealth.



John Markowitz, Deputy Secretary of Finance

Mr. Markowitz currently serves as Deputy Secretary of Finance for the Commonwealth of Virginia. A Richmond native, he started his career as a public finance investment banker at Stifel financing infrastructure for municipalities and real estate developers across the U.S, to stimulate economic development and redevelopment. His primary focus was value-capture bonds.

He also worked for MassDevelopment, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' development and finance agency, managing infrastructure bond programs for the state's conduit issuer. He then became treasurer at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the oldest and fifth-largest mass transit agency in the country where he managed the Authority's debt portfolio, cash and investments to support an \$8 billion capital investment plan and \$2 billion operating budget. Most recently, Deputy Secretary Markowitz served as assistant treasurer at Transurban, North America, raising debt and equity for large-scale transportation infrastructure developments and dynamically priced toll road assets developed

under public-private partnerships. He is a frequent speaker on finance, infrastructure and transportation. He holds a bachelor's in political science from the University of Virginia.

Makola Abdullah, President, Virginia State University

Dr. Makola Abdullah began his career at Virginia State University in February 2016. Under his leadership and guidance, VSU experienced the single largest year-to-year increase in enrollment in more than a decade and the highest retention rate in more than 20; increased the four-year graduation rate to the highest recorded rate in the University's history; extended its academic offerings with newly added undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees; and established fully online programs/degrees and a free tuition program for students from area high schools. VSU's year-end financial reserves have more than tripled. The University also received a \$30 million gift—the largest single donor gift in the University's history—growing the VSU endowment from \$40 million to \$80 million. VSU also has newer infrastructure happening concurrently than at any point in its 140-year history. President Abdullah is a Chicago native. He earned his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from Howard University and his doctorate and master's degrees in civil engineering from Northwestern University.

Heidi Abbott, Chair, Governance Committee, Board of Visitors, Norfolk State University

Heidi Abbott is well-versed in civic engagement, government relations and external affairs at the local, state and federal levels. Her work has included representation of business and industry on a variety of economic development and legislative initiatives regarding housing policy, taxation, privacy, technology, insurance and health care. Defined by more than her 27-year legal career with Hunton Andrews Kurth, Abbott has immersed herself in the Richmond community where her passion lies in working with our most promising children. An advocate for education-from-birth, Heidi focuses on early childhood issues as a member of the Board of Thrive Birth to Five; middle school success as Board Member of NextUp and with high school and young adults through her work on the Richmond Police Foundation and Pathway to Promise Boards. She recently joined the Board of Virginia Kids Belong and was reappointed to the Board of Visitors of Norfolk State University in June by Governor Youngkin where she is the chair of the governance committee.

Ken Ampy, Chair, SCHEV Council; Former Member, Board of Visitors, Old Dominion University

In addition to serving as SCHEV's Council chair, Ken Ampy is chief executive officer of Astyra Corp., a technology consulting and staffing firm based in Richmond. Ken attended Old Dominion University where he received a bachelor's degree in computer science. In addition, he 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. Ampy served on the boards of ODU, the Virginia Biotech Research Park Authority, Science Museum of Virginia, Metropolitan Business League, American Red Cross of Virginia, Bon Secours St. Mary's Community Foundation, Venture Richmond, Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Richmond, the Virginia High-Tech Partnership and Team Up Richmond. Ampy has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Oliver R. Singleton Humanitarian Award, Team Up Richmond Vision Award, Metropolitan Business League Distinguished Community Service Award, Virginia Minority Supplier Development Council Entrepreneurs of the Year (two times), Metropolitan Business League Entrepreneurs of the Year (two times), Virginia Minority Supplier Development Council Lasting Impressions Award (three times). He has been a finalist for the Tayloe Murphy Resilience Award and as Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

Edward H. "Ed" Baine, Rector, Board of Visitors, Virginia Tech

Edward H. "Ed" Baine is president of Dominion Energy Virginia and Rector of the Board of Visitors at Virginia Tech. At Dominion, he is responsible for all facets of Dominion Energy Virginia, a vertically integrated electric utility with generation, transmission and distribution assets that provides electric service to about 2.7 million customer accounts in Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Baine is a member of the boards of directors of the Dominion Energy Credit Union, ChamberRVA, and Venture Richmond. In addition, he serves on the board of directors of the Southeastern Electric Exchange, the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund, MEGA Mentors, as well as on the EPRI Research Advisory committee. He also serves on the board of directors of Virginia Learns and a member of American Revolution 250 Commission and GreenCity CDA. Baine earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech and completed the advanced management program at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. He is a registered professional engineer in Virginia.

Lina Bankert, Managing Director and Partner, Boston Consulting Group

Lina Bankert joined the Boston Consulting Group in 2022 and is a managing director and partner in the Chicago office. She is a core member of the public sector practice area, with primary focus on education, employment and welfare. Her work sits at the intersection of K-12 and postsecondary education and workforce, and has included strategic planning, market analysis, performance and sustainability improvement, organization design, talent pipeline development, and stakeholder engagement and facilitation. She has supported numerous state agencies, school districts, postsecondary institutions, foundations and intermediaries, community collaboratives, and corporations through the design, development, and implementation of transformative initiatives. Bankert also has a decade of experience in management consulting and investment banking, both as a generalist and as a specialist in the education and knowledge services sectors. Lina holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Princeton University, and a master's degree in business administration from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

The Honorable Betsy D. Beamer, Member, Board of Visitors, Radford University

Betsy Beamer served as Virginia's Secretary of the Commonwealth under Governor George Allen from 1994-1998. Prior to her appointment, she spent several years in Republican fundraising. She headed up the finance section of the National Republican Congressional Committee's Campaign Academy as well as served as finance director at the Republican Party of Virginia. She also has served as finance director and consultant for several local, state and national campaigns. Currently, Beamer serves as director of planning and organization for McGuire Woods Consulting with a focus on ethics compliance. She is past chair and member of the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army of Metro Richmond. She has served on the boards of the Virginia Public Access Project, Project Exile – Safe Neighborhoods, Prevent Blindness Virginia, the Henrico Education Foundation and the Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital Foundation. Betsy served a four-year term on the Virginia Board of Education from 2010-2014 and served as vice president for the last two years of her term. She is currently serving on the board of Visitors of Radford University where she previously served on the board from 1999-2003.

The Honorable Peter Blake, Director, SCHEV; Former Secretary of Education

Peter Blake joined 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. Peter also has served as the legislative fiscal analyst for the Virginia General Assembly's House Appropriations Committee, deputy secretary of education and secretary of education and the vice chancellor of workforce development services for the Virginia Community College System. Blake has served on boards of organizations including LEAD Virginia, the Virginia Commonwealth University Alumni Association, the Richmond Public Library, the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. 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. In July 2022, Blake was honored with the "Exceptional Leader Award" from the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) organization.

Gilbert T. "Gil" Bland, Member, Board of Visitors, Norfolk State University; Former Chair, SCHEV Council

Gilbert T. Bland is a business and civic leader who began his career in banking with the Continental Bank of Chicago and Independence Bank of Chicago. Bland was an owner/operator of restaurants, as a franchisee of Burger King, Pizza Hut and Mrs. Fields Cookies. He is presently the president/CEO of the Urban League of Hampton Roads (ULHR). He is a member of the National Community Advisory Board for Truist Bank.; Center for Excellence in Education; a founding member and treasurer of the BDHEA (Black Directors Health Equity Agenda). Bland also serves on the Board of Sentara Health. And NCRC (National Community Reinvestment Coalition). His statewide service included the Small Business Finance Authority, Board of Visitors for Old Dominion University, James Madison University Foundation, and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Presently, Bland serves on the board of Randolph Macon College, Norfolk State University, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA), Executive Committee of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Learns and Elevate Early Education(E3).

Bland was the catalyst in the formation, and served as the inaugural chairman, of the Virginia African American Advisory Board (VAAAB).

R. Bruce Bradley, Rector, Board of Visitors, Old Dominion University

Bruce Bradley is the retired publisher of The Virginian- Pilot and president of Landmark Communications Publishing Group of newspapers. Prior to that he served in the U.S. Navy as navigator of the USS Charleston. He is currently Rector of Old Dominion University and Board Chairman of ACCESS College Foundation. He also serves on the Boards of Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. He and his wife Lilly have been married for 50 years. They have an adult daughter and son, each married with four children. Bradley holds a BS degree in business administration from Villanova University and an MBA from Old Dominion.

Valerie K. Brown, Rector, Board of Visitors, Virginia State University

Dr. Valerie K. Brown was recently reappointed to serve a second term on the Virginia State University Board of Visitors as well as a second term as the Rector of the Board. After graduating from VSU, Brown's professional career included becoming a Virginia Certified Public Accountant and working in public accounting with Arthur Anderson and Co, Time, Inc, and the Student Loan Marketing Association, before returning home to open her own CPA practice in Chesapeake, Virginia. Brown recently retired after spending the last 30 years of her career serving as executive pastor of The Mount Global Fellowship of Churches with eight church locations and several non-profits located across the States of Virginia and North Carolina. A native of Chesapeake, Virginia, Dr. Brown has served on the board of many non-profits and has been honored for her service to the community. She is a graduate of Virginia State University with a BS degree in accounting. She earned her doctorate in management from The Weatherhead School of Business, Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Honorable M. Kirkland “Kirk” Cox, President, Virginia Business Higher Education Council

Kirk Cox presently serves as the president of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council (VBHEC), a nonpartisan group focused on aligning the needs of business with higher education. He represented the 66th House District since 1990 until his retirement in 2022 and was unanimously elected Speaker in 2018 serving for one term. He was the first public school teacher to serve as Speaker and the first Speaker from the City of Colonial Heights. Cox was elected by the Republican Caucus as House Majority Whip in 2007 and then House Majority Leader in 2010. His time in the House was marked by relentless commitment to a wide-range of policy issues, focused on K-12 education, higher education, economic development and veterans. Cox introduced over 120 pieces of legislation for the military, veterans, and their families, more than 20 percent of his total introduced while serving in the House. On the Appropriations Committee, Cox championed investments in education spending and behavioral health waivers. Raised in Colonial Heights, Cox received his B.A. in political science and general social science from James Madison University. After graduation, Cox taught at Peabody Middle School in Petersburg, Providence Middle School in Chesterfield and JEJ Moore Middle School in Prince George before moving to Manchester High School in Chesterfield, where he taught government for 26 years.

R. Kelly Crace, Associate Vice President for Health & Wellness, William & Mary

Dr. Kelly Crace is the associate vice president for health & wellness and the director for the Center for Mindfulness and Authentic Excellence (CMAX) at William & Mary. He is a licensed psychologist and the co-author of Authentic Excellence: Flourishing & Resilience in a Relentless World, Authentic Excellence for Organizations and the Life Values Inventory. He has published and presented in the areas of values, flourishing, resilience, life role development and transition, and organizational development. He is president of Applied Psychology Resources and has conducted more than 3,000 seminars for organizations. He has served as director of two college mental health centers at Duke University and William & Mary. He received his academic and clinical training from Vanderbilt University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Duke University. Crace was the recipient of the President's Award for Service to the Community and the Chambers-Reid Award for Professional Excellence at William & Mary.

Joseph G. DeFilippo, Director of Academic Affairs & Planning, SCHEV

Joseph G. DeFilippo has served as SCHEV's director of academic affairs and planning since 2006. DeFilippo provides leadership and coordination for state academic policies relating to public institutions of higher education, including new degree program approval, transfer and articulation, program productivity, changes of mission statement and new instructional sites. He also oversees SCHEV's office of Private Postsecondary Education, which is responsible for authorizing private and out-of-state

institutions to operate in Virginia. Before coming to SCHEV, Dr. DeFilippo served as assistant provost and head of the Office of Academic Programs and Planning at the SUNY System Administration. He has been a tenured professor of classics and philosophy. He is a graduate of Cornell (AB) and Princeton (MA and PhD).

David Doré, Chancellor, Virginia's Community Colleges

David Doré became chancellor of the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) on April 1, 2023. In his position, Dr. Doré provides day-to-day leadership for a system serving more than 200,000 degree-seeking and workforce-career training students annually. He oversees 23 independently accredited community colleges across 40 locations in every corner of Virginia. Like so many of our students, he was a first-generation college student whose career has been guided by a fundamental belief that every learner can succeed if the conditions are right. He has focused on serving diverse and underrepresented populations to foster inclusive learning communities, supporting open access, student success and economic mobility. Doré came to Virginia from Tucson, Arizona, where he served as president of campuses and executive vice chancellor at Pima Community College. He also served as dean of career and technical education with the Maricopa Community College District in Tempe, Arizona, and dean of the school of business and dean of the downtown campus at City College of San Francisco. Doré earned his doctorate of education at Pepperdine University; an MBA at Georgetown University; a master's of education at Boston College; a master's of theological studies (ethics) at Santa Clara University; licentiate of philosophy in ethics at Gonzaga University; and a BA in philosophy at Gannon University. He was a 2017-18 Presidential Fellow of the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program and has been active in community leadership and in advocating for community college education at the state and national levels.

Alan Gernhardt, Executive Director, Virginia FOIA Advisory Council

Alan Gernhardt is the executive director of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory (FOIA) Council. He began working with the Council as a staff attorney in 2004 and became executive director of the Council 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. degree from Indiana University and a J.D. from the University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law.

Victoria Harker, Vice Chair, SCHEV Council; Former Member, Board of Visitors, University of Virginia

Victoria Harker is executive vice president and chief financial officer for TEGNA Inc., formerly Gannett Co. Inc. Previously, she served as CFO and president of global business services of the AES Corp., a multinational power company; acting CFO and treasurer of MCI from 2002 to 2006; and CFO of MCI Group from 1998 to 2002. Harker holds leadership roles on the boards of Huntington Ingalls Industries and Xylem Inc. She has 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 the presidential search committee. She also previously served as the chairman 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. She received her bachelor's degree in English, with a concentration in economics, from the University of Virginia and an MBA, with a concentration in finance, from American University.

The Honorable Todd Haymore, Rector, Board of Visitors, Virginia Commonwealth University; Former Secretary of Commerce and Trade

Todd Haymore is managing director of Hunton Andrews Kurth's global public affairs consultancy. Having worked in public- and private-sector leadership positions for 30 years, Haymore advises companies and governments on a variety of issues key to growth and prosperity. *Virginia Business* has named Todd annually as one of the most influential Virginians since creating the "The 500 Power List" in 2019. Prior to Hunton, Todd served as Secretary of Commerce & Trade under Gov. Terry McAuliffe and Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry under Govs. McAuliffe and Bob McDonnell, and Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services under Governor Tim Kaine. Prior to state government, Todd held leadership positions for two multi-national agribusinesses and began his career as an aide to U.S. Congressman L.F. Payne. Todd currently serves as Rector of the VCU Board of Visitors and as a board member of the VCU Health System Authority, Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Washington Airports Task

Force, RVA757 Connects, and Virginia FREE. He also serves as Vice Chairman of the GO Virginia Region 4 Council and as a member of the Greater Richmond Partnership's Regional Leadership Circle. Todd earned his BA in political science from the University of Richmond and an MBA from VCU. In 2016, VCU awarded Todd an honorary doctorate of humane letters for his contributions to economic development and trade promotion in Virginia.

Maribeth Herod, Rector, James Madison University Board of Visitors

Maribeth Herod is a retired senior vice president of Bank of America. Over the course of her career, Herod has served in a variety of risk-related capacities most recently as the enterprise strategic risk executive. She also served as the senior risk executive covering the prevention, detection and evaluation of controls of fraud for the bank. Prior to joining Bank of America, she served as a vice president of Freddie Mac and as a partner with Arthur Andersen. She graduated from James Madison University with a BBA, double majoring in management and MIS. She is currently serving her second term as a member of the board of visitors at JMU and has previously served as Rector from 2018-2020.

Erin A. Hennessey, Executive Vice President, TVP Communications

Erin Hennessey started her career in higher education more than 25 years ago as an admissions officer and she's been helping institutions communicate effectively with their most important audiences ever since. At TVP Communications, Erin harnesses the experience gained over her career in higher education, her knowledge of the federal policy sphere, and her insights into individual leadership styles to benefit clients. She helps lead the agency's crisis communications work and frequently speaks and provides training for rising professionals in a variety of roles on campuses. Prior to joining TVP Comms, Erin spent six years at the American Council on Education, where she helped position the Council as a leading source for national and regional media covering higher education issues. Erin's formative higher education experiences came on the campus of her undergraduate alma mater, Drew University, where she was deputy chief of staff to two presidents. In that role, she represented the presidents with a variety of constituencies, helped manage day-to-day issues, and was part of the university's response to crises. In addition to her career in higher education, Erin also served as press secretary for U.S. Representative Rodney P. Frelinghuysen and spent five years in the administration of New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. Erin holds a master's in communications from American University and is an adjunct faculty member at Saint Joseph's University (PA).

Gen. John B. Jumper, Member, SCHEV Council; Former President, Board of Visitors, Virginia Military Institute

Retired General John Jumper joined the private sector in September 2005 following a 39-year military career that began as a second lieutenant in Vietnam and concluded serving as the 17th Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Prior to his position as Chief of Staff, Gen. Jumper served as a wartime commander during conflicts in Iraq, Serbia and Kosovo. He also commanded Air Combat Command with headquarters at Langley Air Force Base and served as senior military assistant to Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and Secretary Les Aspin. Following his service in the Air Force, Gen. Jumper served as the chairman and CEO of two Fortune 500 companies, SAIC and LEIDOS, until his retirement in 2014. He also served for eight years on the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute, including a term as president of the board. He currently serves on the boards of the Virginia Museum of History and Culture, the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia and on three public company boards: Hyster-Yale Materials Handling, Inc., NACCO Industries and Hamilton Beach Brands. Gen. Jumper graduated from the Virginia Military Institute with a degree in electrical engineering. He also earned an MBA from Golden Gate University in 1978.

Judi M. Lynch, Former Member and Former Vice Rector, Board of Visitors, Longwood University

Dr. Judi M. Lynch was recently appointed to serve as executive assistant to Attorney General Jason Miyares and Chief Deputy Attorney General Chuck Slemp. Lynch graduated from Longwood University with a bachelor's degree, followed by a master's in education and a doctorate of philosophy from Virginia Tech. She has worked for both alma maters as Longwood's admissions counselor; student and alumni programs coordinator, the college of engineering's director of undergraduate recruiting, and the college of veterinary medicine's director of outreach and special initiatives at Virginia Tech, followed by a third alma mater, as principal of Saint Gertrude High School in Richmond. Lynch also worked for several members of the Virginia General Assembly as

special assistant, legislative assistant, legislative director and chief of staff. She has served on the board of visitors of Longwood University under Governors Youngkin and McDonnell. Under both administrations, Lynch was, respectively, elected Vice Rector. In addition, with a background that includes emergency management leadership, she also was appointed by Governor McDonnell to the Virginia Taskforce on School and Campus Safety, where she represented K-12 private education. In her current role with the Office of the Attorney General, Lynch no longer serves on the Longwood BOV, but continues to work on education issues.

Michael Maul, Director, Department of Planning and Budget (DPB)

Michael Maul is the director of Virginia's Department of Planning and Budget (DPB). He has worked at DPB for more than 38 years, serving under 11 Governors. Working as a budget and policy analyst for over 10 years, Michael went on to serve as a DPB associate director for over 25 years, overseeing nearly every division at DPB at one time or another and touching most every element of Virginia state government. Over the last eight years, Michael has also been responsible for overseeing DPB's capital outlay budget process. He has been an active participant in activities of the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO) since 1997 and has served as an instructor at NASBO's "Introduction to State Budgeting Seminar" since 2002. In addition, he has served as an international instructor for the Financial Services Volunteer Corps. Michael received his bachelor's in environmental resource management from Allegheny College, a master's of environmental management and an MBA from Duke University.

Heather A. McKay, Executive Director, Virginia Office of Education Economics (VOEE), Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Heather McKay is the inaugural executive director of the Virginia Office of Education Economics (VOEE). She leads VOEE's efforts to use research and data to inform program, policy and partnerships in education and workforce across the Commonwealth. Prior to coming to VOEE, McKay was the founding director of the Education and Employment Research Center at the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Her research areas include workforce development programs, education and workforce policy, student success, student decision-making and non-degree credentials. McKay received a bachelor's from Bryn Mawr College and a master's degree in history and global affairs from Rutgers University.

Mike Melis, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Mike Melis has served in the Office of the Attorney General for over 18 years in various capacities involving higher education, including as a litigator defending institutions of higher education and as general counsel assigned to advise state agencies and institutions. Currently, Mike serves as Section Chief for the Higher Education Section at the Office of the Attorney General.

Delceno C. Miles, Member, SCHEV Council; Former Member, Board of Visitors, Christopher Newport University

Delceno Miles is president/CEO of The Miles Agency, a Virginia Beach-based niche marketing and public relations firm she founded in 1989. She honed her skills as a media consultant for political candidates in California and Virginia. She serves on the boards of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce (regional and Virginia Beach Division). She serves as president of the board of Virginia Beach Vision. She served on the Tidewater Community College Board and the Tidewater Community College Educational Foundation board where she is immediate past chair. She is on the Hampton Roads Workforce Council board and is a past chair. She was recently appointed to the Resort Advisory Commission by the Virginia Beach City Council. She continues to serve on the Beach Events Steering Committee. Miles was appointed in 2002 as the first African American and only the third female chair of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce regional board. She was elected to the Virginia Beach School Board and served as vice chair for two years. She was honored by Virginia Black Expo and City of Virginia Beach with the 2007 Business Leadership Award. The Virginia Beach NAACP awarded her its 2009 Community Service Award. She was honored by Inside Business with its Women in Business Achievement Award in 2009. The YWCA named her its 2011 Woman of Distinction in Communications, and Inside Business named her to its 2011 Power List as one of the top 75 most powerful leaders in Hampton Roads. She was named to the Power List again each year from 2011 through 2023. Her additional service to the higher education community includes the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia board from 2000-2005 where she chaired the outreach committee and the Board of Visitors at Christopher Newport University from, 2011-2014. Miles earned a B.A. in psychology from Stanford University and an M.A. in communications from Regent University.

Justin Pope, Vice President and Chief of Staff, Longwood University

Justin Pope is vice president and chief of staff to President Taylor Reveley at Longwood University where he is involved in public affairs and a range of strategic initiatives. He helped oversee Longwood's successful application and hosting of the 2016 U.S. Vice Presidential Debate, as well as the University's response to the Covid pandemic. From 2004-2013, he was the national higher education reporter for The Associated Press, covering a broad range of issues affecting American colleges and universities, students and families. His AP reporting received multiple awards from the Education Writers Association, as well as honors from the National Headliners Club and the United Nations. His writing about education has also appeared in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Atlantic.com, MIT Technology Review, and The Washington Post. A Richmond native, he is a graduate of Princeton University and holds a graduate degree in economic and social history from Oxford. In 2011-12 he was a Knight-Wallace Journalism Fellow at the University of Michigan.

Michael Rao, President, Virginia Commonwealth University

Michael Rao, Ph.D. serves as president of Virginia Commonwealth University and VCU Health System and is a professor in health professions. Under President Rao's leadership, VCU and VCU Health are modeling what a truly public research university and health system should be, by putting the changing needs of students and patients first with a focus on accessibility of education and healthcare. During President Rao's tenure, VCU has raised graduation rates by 47 percent; increased student financial aid from \$3 million to \$70 million; raised patient satisfaction rates; and brought to Richmond a comprehensive children's hospital with inpatient beds. With rising graduation rates, increasing research funding and a nod as one of the most innovative public universities in the country, VCU is a unique mix of high-performing research, academics and health care, paired with a diverse student population. President Rao is chair of the nonprofit American Council on Education and the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities, for whom he serves as representative for the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities.

The Honorable Ronald L. "Ron" Tillett, Member, Board of Visitors, Christopher Newport University; Former Secretary of Finance

Ron Tillett joined Raymond James in April 2012 following the firm's acquisition of Morgan Keegan and became head of the Mid-Atlantic public finance practice in 2014. He has extensive experience in all phases of governmental debt issuance, management and the investment practices and policies of public clients. He works with state and local government clients throughout the U.S. and manages equity and fixed-income accounts in 32 states and the District of Columbia. Prior to joining Morgan Keegan in 2001, Mr. Tillett served with four Virginia Governors and the Virginia General Assembly over a 24-year public service career, as Secretary of Finance in the cabinet of two Virginia Governors and as State Treasurer with two other Virginia Governors. Prior to joining the executive branch of government in 1987, Mr. Tillett spent 10 years with the Virginia General Assembly's House Appropriations Committee and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission. Tillett serves on a variety of governmental, business, and charitable organizations including Atlantic Union Bankshares Corporation ("AUB"), Wason Center for Civic Leadership, Christopher Newport University, Commonwealth of Virginia Debt Capacity Advisory Committee, Association of State Treasurers, National Institute of Public Finance, Pepperdine University and the National Association of State Treasurers. Tillett received a bachelor's in urban and regional planning from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a licensed securities professional.

Brian Trader, President and CEO, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Dr. Brian Trader is president and CEO of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond. Prior to joining the Garden in 2021, he worked previously at Delaware Botanic Gardens as deputy executive director and spent a decade at Longwood Gardens as director of domestic and international studies. He also served as the interim director of the Longwood Graduate Program at the University of Delaware for four years. Trader earned a Ph.D., M.S. and B.S. from Virginia Tech and has taught at Virginia Tech, Mississippi State University and the University of Delaware. He currently serves on the executive committee for the Board of ChamberRVA and as the Horticultural Landmarks committee chair for the American Society for Horticultural Science.

Douglas D. "Doug" Wetmore, Member, Board of Visitors, University of Virginia

Doug Wetmore is the senior vice president for business development at Centauri Health Solutions, Inc. in Richmond, a healthcare technology and service company based in Scottsdale, AZ. Centauri Health Solutions acquired Ivy Ventures LLC in November 2020

which is where Mr. Wetmore worked prior to Centauri. Wetmore was a founding partner from 2003-2020. From 1996-2003, he was the vice president and general counsel for MMR Holdings, Inc., and from 1991-1996, he was an antitrust attorney in the Washington D.C. offices of Morgan Lewis and Rogers & Wells. Wetmore previously served on the Board of Directors of the Greater Richmond YMCA and for more than 30 years on the UVA Alumni Association's Kelly O'Hara Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee. Wetmore graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in economics. He was an Echols scholar and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1991, he graduated from the University of Virginia Law School which he attended on a full scholarship as the John M. Olin Scholar of Law & Economics.