

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Friday, March 13, 2026**

**MINUTES**

An emergency meeting of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University, called by the Rector P. Murry Pitts to discuss the March 12 on campus incident, was held Friday, March 13, 2026 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to Va. Code Section 2.23708.3, the meeting was an all-virtual meeting. Present from the Board:

P. Murry Pitts, *Rector*  
Andrew Hodge, *Vice Rector*  
D.R. (Rick) Wyatt, *Secretary*  
Susan Allen  
Brian Holland  
Juan M. Montero, II MD  
Claire Wulf Winiarek

Absent from the Board:

Dennis Ellmer  
E.G. (Rudy) Middleton, III  
Elza Mitchum  
Bruce L. Thompson

Also present:

Brian O. Hemphill, President  
Alfred Abuhamad  
Kate Andrews  
David Burdige  
John Buzbee  
Ken Fridley  
Karina Garcia  
Annie Gibson  
Sarah Hagen  
Jared Hoerning  
Brandi Hephner LaBanc  
LaToya Jordan  
Mary Jo Karlis  
Harry Minium

TeCarla Moore  
Teresa Murrell  
Kimberly Osborne  
Emily Olszewski  
Brian Payne  
Chad Reed  
Nina Rodriguez Gonser  
Dominic Ross  
Anthony Sabella  
Ashley Schumaker  
Garrett Shelton  
Dwayne Smith  
WAVY TV 10  
Allen Wilson

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Rector Pitts called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### **MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Rector Pitts recognized Vice Rector Andrew Hodge who read the following motion: “Mr. Rector, I move that this meeting be convened in closed session, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A), subsections (1), (2), and (8) for the discussion of specific employees of the University; discussion of matters that would involve disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning a University student or students; and consultation with legal counsel on specific legal matters.

### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND FOIA CERTIFICATION**

At the conclusion of closed session, Rector Pitts reconvened the meeting and the following Freedom of Information Act Certification: “Any person who believes that the Board discussed items, which were not specifically exempted by law or not included in the motion, must now state where they believe there was a departure from the law or a departure in the discussion of matters other than that stated in the motion convening the closed meeting. Mary Jo Karlis, Director of Board Relations and Executive Operations, will now take a roll call vote of the Board. All those present agreed that only lawfully exempted matters and specifically only the business matter stated in the motion convening the closed meeting were discussed in the closed meeting say “aye.” All those who disagree say “nay.” The certification was approved by roll call vote. *(Aye: Allen, Hodge, Holland, Montero, Pitts, Wulf Winiarek, and Wyatt; Absent: Ellmer, Middleton, Mitchum, and Thompson)*

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.