

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING - MINUTES
25 April 2022

A meeting of the VMI Board of Visitors Executive Committee was held in Henrico, Virginia beginning at 1330 hours on Monday, 25 April 2022 pursuant to public notice.

Present: Mr. Thomas R. Watjen '76, President
 Mrs. Lara T. Chambers '03
 Lieutenant General Charles E. Dominy, USA (Ret)
 Mr. David L. Miller '70
 Mr. Eugene Scott, Jr. '80
 Mr. Richard K. Hines V '66

1) Mr. Watjen presided, called the meeting to order, and offered opening remarks. Lieutenant General Dominy, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Hines participated via telephone in accordance with requirements stated within the Code of Virginia. Major General Cedric T. Wins '85, USA (Ret), VMI Superintendent, also participated via telephone. Additionally, Mr. Patrick O'Leary, VMI legal counsel, Office of the Attorney General was present and LTC Kevin A. Ryan '01, Secretary to the Board of Visitors, recorded the minutes.

2) Mr. Watjen facilitated an update on the activities and recommendations of the GEN Peay Recognition Planning Committee, noting the Planning Committee's formation and its announcement at the conclusion of the 27-29 January 2022 Board of Visitors meeting. Mr. Watjen confirmed that the Planning Committee's recommendations were unanimous amongst its members, and that discussion during the 28-30 April 2022 Board of Visitors meeting is expected to consider an appropriate award for forthcoming presentation to GEN Peay. Further dialogue encompassed the background for the VMI Superintendent Emeritus resolution (heretofore not codified by a VMI Board of Visitors), historical granting of Superintendent Emeritus status upon eleven of the previous fourteen Superintendents (per research by COL Keith Gibson '77, VMI Museum System Director), and the Planning Committee's approach in identifying the Center for Leadership and Ethics, Phase II, as the appropriate facility to be named in honor of General Peay.

3) A motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Chambers, that the Board of Visitors hereby approves the Superintendent Emeritus Resolution. The motion passed unanimously and the resolution will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

- 4) *A motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Chambers, to approve that the Board of Visitors hereby confers the status of Superintendent Emeritus upon General J.H. Binford Peay III, '62, 14th Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute.* The motion passed unanimously and the resolution will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.
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- 5) *A motion was made by Mrs. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Scott, to approve that the Board of Visitors hereby names the Center for Leadership and Ethics, Phase II in honor of General J.H. Binford Peay, III, '62, hereafter to be known as Peay Hall, and that the Board directs that an appropriate ceremony be held to mark the dedication and naming.* The motion passed unanimously and the resolution will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.
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- 6) Mr. Watjen commented on plans for him and Major General Wins to attend a portion of the VMI Class of 1962 reunion activities, whereupon Major General Wins will formally announce the results of this Executive Committee meeting and the recognition plans established. In conclusion, the Board members participating in the meeting, on behalf of the full Board, expressed collective appreciation for the Planning Committee's efforts as well as their satisfaction and support for the enumerated outcomes.
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- 7) There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1343 hours.

KEVIN A. RYAN, LTC
Secretary, VMI Board of Visitors