MANUAL OF
THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

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THE BOARD OF VISITORS

The governing body of the University of Virginia is the Board of Visitors, which by statute is made responsible for seeing to the effective government of the University at Charlottesville and all other educational institutions under the governance of the Board of Visitors.

Section 2.1 Corporate name and governing body—The University is a public corporation that by statute bears the name of “The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia.” By statute also the governing body of the corporation, which exercises all the powers vested in The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, is styled the “Board of Visitors” and shall hereafter be referred to as such or as “Board” in this Manual.

Section 2.2 Composition—The Board of Visitors is composed of sixteen members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate and the House of Delegates of Virginia, for terms of four years. Members may be reappointed for one additional four-year term. At least thirteen of the sixteen members must be from the State at large, and not more than three may be appointed from alumni or alumnae living outside the State. At least eleven of the sixteen members must be alumni or alumnae of the University.

The statute provides that for each vacancy on the
Board of Visitors, the Alumni Association of the University of Virginia shall propose three names to the Governor for possible appointment. Such proposals, however, are advisory only, and the Governor may appoint persons other than those recommended by the Alumni Association. A vacancy on the Board is filled by the Governor for the unexpired term, subject, of course, to confirmation by the Senate and the House of Delegates. A person filling an unexpired term may be reappointed by the Governor for two additional four-year terms.

Section 2.21 Student nonvoting member—At the first regular meeting of the second semester of the academic session each year, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Visitors may elect for a term of one year, a full-time student at the University of Virginia as a nonvoting member of the Board of Visitors, in addition to those members appointed by the Governor and referred to in Section 2.2 above. Such student may attend and participate in a nonvoting capacity in all deliberations and meetings, in Open and Executive Session, of the standing and special committees of the Board as well as meetings of the Board of Visitors itself.

Section 2.22 Visitors Emeriti—In recognition of the invaluable service they render to the University during their terms of office and the informed counsel they may continue to provide after their terms expire, former Members of the Board shall be designated Visitors Emeriti. Further, Visitors Emeriti shall be sent copies of the Minutes of each Board meeting and be invited to meet at least once each year with current members of the Board at a social function.