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Council re-elects Minor and Fralin, welcomes new members

RICHMOND -The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia re-elected G. Gilmer Minor III as chair and W. Heywood Fralin as vice chair at its regular meeting July 19.

Minor is chairman emeritus of Owens & Minor Inc., a \$9 billion, Fortune 200 national distributor of medical and surgical supplies as well as a healthcare supply chain management company. He was appointed to SCHEV in 2009 and reappointed in 2013.

Fralin is chairman of Medical Facilities of America Inc., which operates 40 skilled nursing facilities in Virginia and North Carolina. He also is co-chairman of Retirement Unlimited Inc., which operates six assisted-living facilities in Virginia. He was appointed to SCHEV in 2013.

Minnis Ridenour, a former executive vice president and chief operation officer for Virginia Tech, was appointed secretary. Ridenour was appointed to SCHEV in 2015.

In addition, two new members appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe joined the council for four-year terms to replace Gilbert Bland and Gary Nakamoto, whose terms ended.

Kenneth E. Ampy, co-founder and CEO of Astyra Corp. in Richmond, earned his B.S. in computer science from Old Dominion University and served two terms on ODU's board of visitors. He serves on ODU's Strome College of Business Advisory Board as well as the University of Richmond's E. Claiborne Robins School of Business Advisory Board.

Thomas G. Slater Jr. is chair emeritus for litigation, labor and competition practices, with Hunton & Williams law firm in Richmond. He is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, with a degree in history, and of University of Virginia's law school. In 2003, he was appointed to the VMI board of visitors and was its president from July 2008 through June 2011. He is a member of the VMI Foundation Endowment Campaign Committee.

SCHEV is the Commonwealth's coordinating body for Virginia's system of higher education. The agency provides policy guidance and budget recommendations to the governor and General Assembly, and is a resource for information on higher education issues. With The Virginia Plan for Higher Education, SCHEV is dedicated to making Virginia the nation's best-educated state.

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