



## Richard Bland College BOARD OF VISITOR

### **INTERIM PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE OPEN FORUM MINUTES**

16 January 2026

The Interim Presidential Search Committee of the Board of Visitors of Richard Bland College (RBC or College) hosted an open forum on January 16, 2026, beginning at 1:15 p.m. in the Academic Innovation Center Multi-Purpose Room, located at 11301 Johnson Road, South Prince George, VA 23805. The purpose of the forum was to provide the campus community and the public an opportunity to meet the finalists for the position of Richard Bland College Interim President.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Albert Poole, Chair  
Lilli Brown  
Hon. Sam Parham  
Chuck Patton  
Jason Pode

#### **OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Rathbone, Rector  
Hon. James Dyke, Jr.  
Hon. Kelly Gee

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Attendees included RBC President Debbie Sydow; members of the faculty and staff; RBC students; RBC Foundation Board members; RBC alumni; and members of the public.

#### **WELCOME**

At 1:15 p.m., Chair Albert Poole welcomed attendees to the open forum and encouraged them to use the QR code on posted materials to provide feedback on the finalist. He then introduced Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar, Interim President finalist, to provide remarks.

#### **REMARKS & MEET & GREET**

Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar, a former college president, shared information about his background and outlined his vision for the College. He answered questions from the audience and later engaged in one-on-one conversations with attendees.

## **CONCLUSION**

The open forum concluded at 2:00 p.m.

**Approved on January 20, 2026**