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Governor McDonnell Announces Board Appointments and Additional Appointments to Administration

RICHMOND - Governor Bob McDonnell today announced additional appointments to his administration under the Commerce and Trade, Public Safety, and Transportation secretariats. McDonnell announced appointments to four boards of visitors: James Madison University; Longwood University; University of Mary Washington; and, the State Board for Community Colleges. He also announced appointments to two other Virginia boards and commissions.

Bios for today's at-will appointments can be found below. Further announcements regarding additional appointments in the McDonnell Administration will continue to be made in the months ahead.

Commerce and Trade

Dr. Robert P. Leber, Special Advisor to the Governor for Workforce Development and Deputy Commissioner of the Virginia Employment Commission

Dr. Leber has been a long-time employee at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding's Newport News Operations holding various leadership positions since 1982. The last seven years, Leber served as the Shipyard's director of Education and Workforce Development and was responsible for The Apprentice School and the Sector's Training Services.

Leber also served as the Yard's point of contact for workforce development activities, and in line with that role served as Chairman of the Virginia Workforce Council and is immediate past Chair of the Greater Peninsula Workforce Investment Board. Leber also served as President of the Newport News Education Foundation and on numerous Boards including the National Association of Workforce Boards and the Virginia Career Education Foundation. Leber is a member the Virginia P-16 Education Council, the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and the American Society for Training & Development (ASTD) and it's Public Policy Council. Most recently, Governor McDonnell appointed Leber to the Governor's Economic Development and Jobs Creation Commission, where he chairs the workforce development subgroup.

Leber received a Marine Engineering degree from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1967, a Liberal Arts degree from the University of Evansville in 1982, an MBA from the College of William and Mary in 1990, a Master of Arts in Education and Human Development from George Washington University in 1994, and a Doctor of Strategic Leadership from Regent University in 2005. In May 2010, Leber received an honorary Associate Degree in Humane Letters from Thomas Nelson Community College for his significant contributions to the progress and development of the College and the Virginia Community College System.

Public Safety

Major General Daniel E. Long, Adjutant General of Virginia

Major General Daniel E. Long Jr. enlisted in the Virginia Army National Guard in 1964 as an 18 year old private. He completed the Basic Soldier Training in 1964, Advanced Individual Training in 1965 and graduated from Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia in August 1967. Major General Long has commanded at every level, including a Engineer Company (Light), a Combat Engineer Battalion (Light), and an Infantry Brigade (Light). He served as the Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) of the "Blue and Gray" Division – the 29th Infantry Division, and deployed with the 29th Infantry Division (Light) as the Deputy Commander Multinational Division North, Operation Force, Bosnia Herzegovina in September 2001. He also commanded the 29th Infantry Division (Light) from September, 2002 until September, 2004.

Additionally, Long commanded Task Force Care/Katrina in Louisiana and served as the Deputy Director and Director of the Department of Defense Project and Contracting Office in Iraq, 2004 through 2005. Long most recently served as the Commander, Joint Task Force Civil Support (JTF-CS) at Fort Monroe, Virginia. The mission of JTF-CS is to ensure that Department of Defense assets are prepared to respond to requests from a lead federal agency in a time of national crisis following a weapon of mass destruction incident. JTF-CS's specified tasks are to save lives, prevent injury and provide temporary critical life support. Implied tasks run a gamut from command and control, to nuclear, biological, chemical and radiological response, to providing medical requirements, transportation, and other logistics tasks.

During his more than 40 years service in the Virginia National Guard, Long has repeatedly been selected for high impact assignments. He has many years of experience briefing and advising key leaders - government and non-government representatives - on critical issues. Long served as the Senior Military Officer to the Iraq/Afghanistan Study Group where he assessed and recommended solutions on a wide range of political, military, social, and economical issues as well as courses of action for the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State. Long regularly briefed the Executive Office of the President, Congressional staff, Customs and Border Patrol leaders, and National Guard leadership while serving at a Special Assistant to Chief, National Guard Bureau. In this role he led and directed a program to secure the 2,700 miles of US and Mexico border. While serving as the Commander of Task Force Care in Louisiana he was responsible for coordinating relief efforts with federal, state and local officials.

Long has managed large and complex budgets. As the Deputy Director and Director of the Department of Defense Project and Contracting Office, Iraq, he managed an \$18.4 billion dollar reconstruction program. He supervised cost control measures, quality assurance, and capacity development. Long also has extensive experience in business management. He was CEO and owner of his own company, building commercial and residential properties, in Fredericksburg from 1980 until 2004.

Long is a graduate of the US Army War College, Command and General Staff College, and received his Bachelor of Science from Liberty University where he graduated Magna cum Laude.

Long will assume the duties of Adjutant General on July 14, 2010 from Acting Adjutant General Brigadier General Wayne A. Wright, who has performed the duties in an exceptional and noteworthy fashion since his interim appointment on June 11th. Brigadier General Wright has the thanks of the

citizens of the Commonwealth for his sacrifice of civilian employment and family time to serve as the Acting Adjutant General. Brigadier General Wright will continue to serve in the Virginia National Guard as the Chief of Staff of the Air Guard, the position he held prior to his appointment.

Transportation

Gregory A. Whirley, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Transportation

Gregory A. Whirley was previously the acting transportation commissioner having also served in this capacity in July 2005. Prior to this, he served as chief deputy commissioner, acting chief financial officer and inspector general at VDOT.

Whirley is a certified public accountant with 35 years of public and private experience in auditing, investigations and financial management. As inspector general, he had coordinated the agency's antitrust and internal and external audit functions to safeguard taxpayer dollars and prevent waste, fraud and abuse.

Before becoming inspector general, he directed the agency's fiscal division, and managed external audits as controller of financial operations. He began work with VDOT in 1988. Whirley began his career with Arthur Andersen & Co. and served as controller for the National Mental Health Association and the National Governor's Association before joining VDOT. He is a graduate of Virginia State University.

Board Appointments

Board of Visitors:

Board of Visitors, James Madison University

- **Susan Brown Allen** of Mt. Vernon, Former First Lady of Virginia
- **Kenneth R. Bartee** of Oak Hill, President and Chief Executive Officer of 141 Repellent
- **Ronald C. Devine*** of Burke, President of A&R Foods, Inc.
- **Lois J. Forbes*** of Harrisonburg, Secretary of Forbes Development
- **Steven C. Smith** of Abingdon, President and Chief Executive Officer of K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc.

Board of Visitors, Longwood University

- **Edward I. Gordon, M.D.** of Farmville, Private Practitioner
- **Dr. Judi M. Lynch** of Christiansburg, Director of Special Initiatives, Virginia Tech
- **Ronald Olswyn White** of Midlothian, District Representative and Military Liaison for Congressman J. Randy Forbes

Board of Visitors, University of Mary Washington

- **Holly Tace Cuellar** of Virginia Beach, Freelance Consultant
- **Xavier R. Richardson*** of Spotsylvania, Executive Vice President and Foundations President of Mary Washington Healthcare
- **Joe R. Wilson** of Fredericksburg, Chief Executive Officer of PermaTreat Pest Control

State Board for Community Colleges

- **Sasha Gong** of Falls Church, Newspaper Columnist and Independent Writer
- **Bruce J. Meyer** of Virginia Beach, President of Meyer Group Insurance

- **Michael E. Thomas** of Richmond, Senior Vice President of McGuire Woods Consulting, LLC

Additional Board Appointments:

Board for the Virginia College Savings Plan

- **Amy P. Nisenson** of Richmond, Executive Director of the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation

Virginia Fire Services Board

- **Richard “Rick” E. Burch*** of Roanoke, Chief - Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department
- **Thomas H. Moffett*** of Harrisonburg, Battalion Chief - City of Harrisonburg Fire Department
- **Edwin W. Smith** of Henrico, Chief - County of Henrico Division of Fire

**Denotes re-appointment*

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