

## **Alan Edwards – State Council of Higher Education for Virginia**

Alan Edwards has served as Interim Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) since January 2, 2024. On May 24, 2024, he will return to his role as Director of Strategic Planning and Policy Studies, a position he has held since 2006. Dr. Edwards joined SCHEV in 2002 as an Associate in the Academic Affairs section and since then has served as Interim Director of both that unit and the Finance Policy and Innovation section. As interim agency director, he assists the SCHEV Council (board) in fulfilling its statutory duties as Virginia’s coordinating body for postsecondary education and manages the operations of the 60+-staff state agency. In his planning and policy directorship, he oversees the implementation and monitoring of the goals, objectives, strategies and initiatives of the statewide strategic plan for higher education, as well as the Commonwealth’s internship-readiness initiative and a grant program that fosters excellence, innovation and efficiency at public colleges and universities. Edwards holds a PhD, EdS and BA from The College of William and Mary and an MA from UNC-Chapel Hill.”