THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

THE VISITORS OF JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting of October 29, 2021**

The Executive Committee of the Visitors of James Madison University met on Friday, October 29, 2021 in the Festival Conference and Student Center Board Room on the campus of James Madison University. Lara Major, Rector, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**PRESENT:**

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa

Gadams, Frank (virtually)

Hutchinson, Lucy (virtually)

Tompkins Johnson, Deborah, Vice Rector

Major, Lara, Rector

Ragon, Maggie

Rothenberger, John

 Other Board Members attending:

 Falcon, Chris

 Herod, Maribeth (virtually)

 Jankowski, Maria (virtually)

 Lynch, John (virtually)

 Welburn, Craig (virtually)

 Harper, Donna, Secretary to the Board of Visitors

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Alger, Jonathan, President

King, Charles, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance

Langridge, Nick, Vice President for Advancement

Miller, Tim, Vice President for Student Affairs

Knight, Jack, University Counsel

Bourne, Jeff, Athletic Director

Members of the Budget Office and Athletic Administration

Rector Major called for the board to move into Closed Session. Deborah Tompkins Johnson made the following motion:

“Madam Rector - Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia, I move we go into closed session to consult with legal counsel regarding contract terms and other legal matters related to athletics that require the provision of legal advice.”

The motion was seconded by Maggie Ragon and the Executive Committee moved into closed session.

Following the closed session, the Rector then stated the following:

**During the closed session, the board discussed only matters lawfully**

 **exempted from open meeting requirements and only those types of matters**

 **identified in the motion for the closed session.**

**RECORDED VOTE: the following is an affirmative recorded, member by**

 **member vote:**

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa

Gadams, Frank

Hutchinson, Lucy

Tompkins Johnson, Deborah, Vice Rector

Major, Lara, Rector

Ragon, Maggie

Rothenberger, John

On motion by Vanessa Evans-Grevious, seconded by John Rothenberger, the Executive Committee
authorized the university to submit the plan to the Intercollegiate Athletic Review Commission to recommend that the university change football divisions from FCS to FBS and to pursue an invitation to join the Sun Belt Conference. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Vanessa Evans-Grevious, seconded by Maggie Ragon, the Executive Committee voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

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 Lara Major, Rector

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Donna L. Harper, Secretary