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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
THE VISITORS OF JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of March 6, 2025**

The Visitors of James Madison University met virtually on Thursday, March 6, 2025. Suzanne Obenshain, Rector, called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

**PRESENT:**

Bell, Dickie  
Bolander, Jeff  
Caudle, Larry  
Edwards, Terrie, Vice Rector  
Eiland, Joanie  
Fiorina, Carly  
Galati, Tom

James, Kay Coles  
Obenshain, Suzanne, Rector  
Rexrode, David  
Smith, Steve  
Stoltzfus, Michael  
Thacker, Nikki  
White, Jack  
Wood, Nicole Palya

Stafford, Sydney, Student Representative to the Board, 2024-25  
Ott-Walter, Kathy, Faculty Senate Representative  
Harper, Donna, Secretary to the Search Committee

Terrie Edwards made the following motion:

“Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, I move we go into closed session to discuss personnel matters involving hiring of university administrators and appointees.”  
The motion was seconded by Jeff Bolander and the committee moved into closed session.

Following the closed session, the chair 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:**

Dickie Bell  
Jeff Bolander  
Larry Caudle  
Terrie Edwards  
Joanie Eiland  
Carly Fiorina  
Tom Galati  
Kay Coles James

Dave Rexrode  
Michael Stoltzfus  
Steve Smith  
Sydney Stafford  
Nicole Wood  
Jack White  
Kathy Ott-Walter

With no further business the committee meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna Harper, Secretary to the  
Search Committee

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Suzamme Obenshain, Rector