
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
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Minutes of the Meeting of March 13, 2025

The Visitors of James Madison University met on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at The Red Barn in Bridgewater, Virginia. Suzanne Obenshain, Rector, called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

PRESENT:

Bell, Dickie (virtually)	James, Kay Coles
Bolander, Jeff	Obenshain, Suzanne, Rector
Caudle, Larry	Rexrode, David
Edwards, Terrie, Vice Rector (virtually)	Smith, Steve (virtually)
Eiland, Joanie (virtually)	Stoltzfus, Michael
Fiorina, Carly	Thacker, Nikki (virtually)
Galati, Tom	White, Jack
	Wood, Nicole Palya (virtually)

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

Tom Galati 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 Dave Rexrode 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	Dave Rexrode
Jeff Bolander	Michael Stoltzfus
Larry Caudle	Steve Smith
Terrie Edwards	Sydney Stafford
Joanie Eiland	Nicole Wood
Carly Fiorina	Jack White
Tom Galati	Kathy Ott-Walter
Kay Coles James	

On motion by Jack White and seconded by Larry Caudle, the board approved authorizing the Rector and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee to proceed with the personnel action discussed in closed session with Dickie Bell and Joanie Eiland opposing.

With no further business the committee meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Harper, Secretary to the
Search Committee

Suzanne Obenshain, Rector