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

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Minutes of the Meeting of March 26, 2025

The Visitors of James Madison University met virtually on Friday, March 26, 2025. Suzanne Obenshain, Rector, called the meeting to order at 10:45 am.

PRESENT:

Caudle, Larry
Edwards, Terrie, Vice Rector
Fiorina, Carly
Galati, Tom
James, Kay Coles

Obenshain, Suzanne, Rector
Rexrode, David
Stafford, Sydney
Wood, Nicole Palya

Kirkpatrick, David, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Knight, Jack, University Counsel

Rector Obenshain opened this special meeting to elect the 7th president of James Madison University. She noted they had a quorum present and called for a motion.

On motion from Terrie Edwards, seconded by David Rexrode, approved the following:

Madam Rector, I move that the Board of Visitors appoint Jim Schmidt as president of James Madison University effective July 1, 2025, and that the rector be authorized to execute the agreed-upon contract with Dr. Schmidt consistent with the board's discussions in closed session.

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

Caudle, Larry
Edwards, Terrie, Vice Rector
Fiorina, Carly
Galati, Tom
James, Kay Coles

Obenshain, Suzanne, Rector
Rexrode, David
Stafford, Sydney
Wood, Nicole Palya

The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Nicole Palya Wood, seconded by Carly Fiorina, the Board voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned 10:48 a.m.

Suzanne Obenshain, Rector

David C. Kirkpatrick, Secretary