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Minutes of the Retreat of June 5, 2025

The Visitors of James Madison University held a retreat on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, VA. Suzanne Obenshain, Rector, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

Bolander, Jeff	Rexrode, David
Caudle, Larry	Smith, Steve
Edwards, Terrie	Stoltzfus, Michael
Fiorina, Carly	Thacker, Nikki
Galati, Tom	White, Jack
Obenshain, Suzanne, Rector	Wood, Nicole Palya

Kirkpatrick, David, Secretary

ABSENT:

James, Kay Coles
Stafford, Sydney, Student Representative to the Board

ALSO PRESENT:

King, Charles, President
Schmidt, James, Incoming President
Kolvoord, Bob, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Langridge, Nick, Vice President for University Advancement
Miller, Tim, Vice President for Student Affairs
Moore, Towana, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Roan, Matt, Director of Athletics
Tongen, Anthony, Vice President for Research, Economic Development, and Innovation
Wood, Melinda, Vice President, Access and Enrollment

Vass, Mary-Hope, Assistant Vice President, Communications and University Spokesperson
Ott-Walter, Kathy, Speaker, Faculty Senate
Orem, Chris, Executive Director, Planning, Analytics and Institutional Research
Vuletich, David, Consultant, EAB

SWOT

Chris Orem, Executive Director, Planning, Analytics and Institutional Research, presented the JMU SWOT report 2025, along with a SWOT presentation.

State of the Sector (EAB)

David Vuletich, EAB Consultant, presented the State of the Sector report.

Visioning with President Schmidt

The board discussed future vision with Jim Schmidt, Incoming JMU President.

Rector Obenshain then called for the board to move into Closed Session. Mr. Stoltzfus made the following motion:

“I move the board go into closed session to discuss the following matters:

Pursuant to section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the Code of Virginia, to discuss personnel matters involving assignments, promotions, performance, retirements, hiring, resignations, salary adjustments, and status changes of faculty members, university administrators and appointees.”

The motion was seconded by Ms. Thacker and the board moved into closed session. Following the closed session, Ms. Obenshain 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:

Bolander, Jeff
Caudle, Larry
Edwards, Terrie
Fiorina, Carly
Galati, Tom
Obenshain, Suzanne, Rector

Rexrode, David
Smith, Steve
Stoltzfus, Michael
Thacker, Nikki
White, Jack
Wood, Nicole Palya

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Stoltzfus, the board voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned 6:01 p.m.

Suzanne Obenshain, Rector

David C. Kirkpatrick, Secretary