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Executive Summary

James Madison University was established in 1908 as the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Harrisonburg and became James Madison University in 1977. The Board of Visitors was established in 1964 and currently has fifteen members who serve on the board. Mr. Charles W. King serves as the interim president of the university. The Board of Visitors met five times in 2024: February 15-16; April 18-19; September 12-13 and November 7-8. The Executive Committee met on August 21. The board also held a public comment period on the proposed tuition and fees on April 3, 2024.

The Board has the following committees: Academic Excellence, Advancement and Engagement, Athletics, Audit, Risk and Compliance; Executive Committee; Finance and Physical Development, Governance, and Student Affairs. All of these committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee, meet during the two-day board meeting. The committees hear reports from various staff regarding current issues, new initiatives, and compliance with requirements and/or regulations. Committee minutes are available at this link: <https://www.jmu.edu/visitors/meetings/committee-minutes/index.shtml>

The Board approved the following items during the 2024 calendar year:

- Discontinuation of eLearning certificate;
- New online graduate certificate in Literacy Education;
- Credit hour change to the Counseling and Supervision program;
- Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission's Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- Doctor of Arts honorary degree;
- Discontinuation of Bachelor of Science in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL);
- Faculty Handbook 2024-25 Updates;
- Six-Year Plan;
- 2024-25 Tuition and fees; 2024-25 Summer Tuition and fees;
- 2024-25 Budget;
- Real Estate transactions;

- Naming opportunities: East Campus Drive be renamed Jeff Bourne Way; Greek Row pedestrian lane be named Donna Harper Lane; Spotswood Hall be renamed, upon its renovation and reopening as Alger Hall;
- Personnel Action reports;
- Named Mr. Charles W. King, Interim President;
- Faculty Senate Representative voting rights on the selection for new University president;
- Student Representative to the Board voting rights on the selection for new University president;
- JMU Athletics Student-Athlete Compensation;
- Bylaw changes to the Board Manual;
- Newly modified electronic meeting policy; and
- Directed the president to do a feasibility study for the future of the university's presidential home.

The Board heard updates and provided feedback on the following topics during the board meetings:

- General Assembly Updates;
- JMU Foundation-Investment Strategy;
- Research, Economic Development and Innovation;
- Virginia Business Higher Education Council;
- AI Task Force;
- Center for Global Engagement;
- Interim President;
- Impact of FAFSA;
- Sun Belt Media Valuation;
- Career Outcomes;
- Future Enrollment Strategy; and
- Why Test-Optional Admission

In addition, at each board meeting the President provides an update on events, accomplishments, trends and issues and significant recognitions. A summary of the presentations can be found at this link:

<https://www.jmu.edu/visitors/meetings/summaries/2024/index.shtml>

The representative from the Faculty Senate shared a report at the Academic Excellence Committee in February and April and then reported to the full board meeting in September and November. The Student Representative to the Board shared a report at the Student Affairs Committee in February and April and then reported to full board meeting in September and November. The President of the Student Government Association shared a report at the Student Affairs Committee.