



University System of Maryland Board of Regents  
Committee on Effectiveness and Efficiency  
Coppin State University  
November 14, 2011

Minutes of the Executive Session

1. **Call to Order.** Following the unanimous vote to close the Public Session and reconvene in Executive Session, Chairman Slater called the Executive Session of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents Committee on Effectiveness and Efficiency to order at 12:06 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011 at Coppin State University. Those in attendance were: Chairman Slater; Regents Florestano, Michaux Gonzales, Johnson (by phone), Reid, and Vance, Vice Chancellors Goldstein and Moultrie, Assistant Attorney General Faulk; and USM Staff.
2. **Proposed Legislative Strategy for the Public Corporation Initiative.** Chairman Slater called upon Assistant Vice Chancellor Goedert to introduce the item. Ms. Goedert explained that the need for such a strategy was identified in the analysis of responses to the Committee's requested survey of USM Vice Presidents for Administration and Finance conducted in 2010. After the June Committee meeting, the USM established an inter-institution workgroup comprised of USM and institution experts in procurement, capital projects, business development entrepreneurship, and human resources. The Workgroup met over the past four months to develop the detailed, legislative strategy proposal targeted at enhancing the USM's role in State economic development.

Ms. Goedert explained that there are three main elements to the workgroup's proposed strategy to all USM to act more effectively with projects. The first element is to streamline the process for high impact economic development projects. Currently, proposed projects are reviewed by 7 – 8 agencies and the process takes four to five months. The second element would add the ability to establish business entities that would be able to form a not-for-profit consortium or entity whereby the USM could seamlessly share resources and services with the consortium, subject to appropriate accountability and ethics standards. The final element of the strategies would seek to re-define the terms under which the USM must obtain Board of Public Works approval for projects.

After discussion, Regent Slater asked if there was consensus among the committee members that USM staff should bring this strategy to the governor and other key state officials for their consideration. Based upon those discussions, staff will then develop detailed legislation. Regent Florestano moved, Regent Reid seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Adjournment.**

Regent Slater moved, Regent Vance seconded, and the motion to adjourn the Executive Session of the Committee on Effectiveness and Efficiency at 12:30 p.m. passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas G. Slater  
Chairperson