



TOPIC: Board Resolution on Defense Security Service

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: September 18, 2015

SUMMARY: Institutions of the USM enter into agreements with the United States Department of Defense (DOD), which involve classified work. While the Chancellor and BOR Chair are required to meet the personnel clearance requirements, DOD regulations permit exclusions for the members of the Board of Regents. The Defense Security Service (DSS) requires the attached resolution to be approved annually in order to provide the exemption for BOR members from obtaining a security clearance.

ALTERNATIVES(S): The Board can decide that each board member needs to receive a security clearance, which would take approximately 6-9 months. In that case, it is recommended that this resolution be approved for the interim so that the processing of current contracts can proceed. The Board could decide not to contract with DOD for matters that could involve classified material.

FISCAL IMPACT: Negligible

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: The Chancellor recommends that the Board support this resolution.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

DATE:

BOARD ACTION:

DATE: September 18, 2015

SUBMITTED BY: Janice Doyle, (301) 445-1906



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND**

I, Michelle Gourdine, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, an instrumentality of the State of Maryland and a public corporation, and that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents at a meeting held at the Coppin State University on September 18, 2015 at which time a quorum was present.

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents, a body having seventeen members, is the governing body of the University System of Maryland ("USM") and the Chancellor is the Chief Executive Officer of USM and the Chief of Staff for the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, institutions of the USM seek to enter into agreements with the United States Department of Defense ("DOD") which involve classified work; and

WHEREAS, current DOD Regulations require that the Chancellor and USM Facility Security Officer meet the personnel clearance requirements for the System's facility clearance; and

WHEREAS, said DOD Regulations permit the exclusions from the personnel clearance requirements of members of the Board of Regents, provided that this action is taken in accordance with law and recorded in the Board's minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents is authorized to delegate aspects of its authority to the Chancellor,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chancellor and the USM Facility Security Officer at the present time do possess, or will be processed for, the required security clearance; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that in the future, when any individual enters upon the duties of Chancellor or USM Facility Security Officer, such individual shall immediately make application for the required security clearance; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the following members of the Board of Regents shall not require, shall not have, and can be effectively excluded from access to CLASSIFIED information in the possession of the USM.

NAME

TITLE

Joseph Bartenfelder
James Brady
Sydney Comitz
Michelle Gourdine
Robert Neall
Robert Pevenstein

Regent
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Student Regent
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Regent

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the University System of Maryland this day of September 18, 2015.



Michelle Gourdine, M.D.
Secretary
Board of Regents of the
University System of Maryland