



USM BOARD OF REGENTS
Special BOR Meeting
March 19, 2016

MINUTES FOR PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order. Chairman Shea called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 10:03 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2016 via conference call. Those on the call were: Chairman Shea; Regents Attman, Augustine, Brady, Comitz, Gooden, Gossett, Gourdine, Johnson, Kelly, Kinkopf, Neall, Rauch, and Slater; Chancellor Caret, Vice Chancellors Boughman, Hogan, Moultrie, Raley, Vivona, Ms. Doyle and AAG Bainbridge. USM presidents and other USM staff were also on the call. Public access to the meeting was provided in the USM office, Chancellor's Conference room, Elkins building.

1. Committee of the Whole. Chairman Shea opened the meeting by asking the regents for further feedback on key provisions of SB 1052 which proposes a strategic partnership between University of Maryland, College Park and University of Maryland, Baltimore. The regents voiced varying opinions on the overall bill as well as specific provisions in the bill with some in favor, others expressing concerns, and others supporting the bill with changes and/or clarifications. The regents discussed some of the detailed provisions with the goal of supporting the bill as long as key issues are addressed, including: support for elements that would advance a stronger alliance between UMCP and UMB, assurance that the elevation of this new "mega" flagship is not at the expense of students who attend institutions other than UMCP and UMB, assurance that UMCP's and UMB's separate identities are maintained and that they have the power to continue their focus on their local communities, assurance that the USM Board of Regents is the governing board for the entire system and that the BOR has the primary role in the execution of this legislation if it is ultimately approved and reinforcement that the Chancellor is explicitly defined as being CEO of the University System of Maryland.

Chairman Shea recommended that the same individuals (Vice Chair Gossett and Chancellor Caret) who testified at the Senate hearing also testify on the bill on behalf of the BOR at the House hearing on March 22, 2016.

2. Adjourn. Chair Shea adjourned the meeting at 10:57 p.m.