



**USM Board of Regents
Special Board Meeting
Chancellor's Conference Room, Elkins Building, Adelphi, MD/Conference Call
Minutes of the Public Session
June 11, 2019**

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Chair Gooden called the public session of the Special Board Meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Those in attendance included Chair Gooden; Regents Bartenfelder, Fish, Gossett, Gourdine, Holzapfel, Johnson, Neall, Pope, Wood; Chancellor Caret; Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, Hogan, and McDonough; AAG Bainbridge; and Ms. Beckett and Ms. Wilkerson.

1. Chair's Remarks. Chair Gooden shared the following opening statement:

The USM Board of Regents is entrusted with the fiduciary responsibilities for the state's public higher education system, which includes 12 academic institutions and three regional higher education centers.

Key among the academic and administrative fiduciary responsibilities of the Regents is overseeing enterprise risk management for every campus and center in the system. And no element of this management effort is more paramount than the health, wellness and safety of our students, faculty and staff—this is our Number One priority. Every aspect of the teaching, research and service mission of our system and institutions flows from providing an open, safe and healthy learning environment.

Today's special meeting of the Board of Regents has been called to discuss a framework and scope of the Board's investigation of adenovirus on the UMCP campus in 2018 and the tragic death of Olivia Paregol.

Since the fall, the Board and Chancellor have received several updates from UMCP President Wallace Loh and his team on a number of issues, including the spread of mold in residence halls, the adenovirus outbreak, the campus response to both, and the death of undergraduate student Olivia Paregol.

On May 30, 2019, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan sent a letter to the Regents raising concerns about a perceived lack of urgency and transparency shown by UMCP officials both before and after Ms. Paregol's death. As the Governor has requested, the Board will undertake an immediate and full investigation into the Fall 2019 adenovirus outbreak at UMCP. We have begun to plan for this investigation, hence today's meeting. Once planning is complete, we will provide public update on next steps.

On behalf of the regents, Chancellor Caret and I yesterday met with the Paregol family and expressed our deepest condolences. During that meeting we were also able to discuss with them our upcoming efforts to conduct a thorough investigation.

I thank all of you for being present on this call under a compressed timeline and look forward to our discussion and our moving forward on this matter of great importance for our entire system.

- 2. Reconvene to Closed Session.** Chair Gooden read the statement to close a meeting. Regent Pope presented a motion for the Board to reconvene in closed session. Regent Gossett seconded the motion and the Regents voted unanimously to reconvene in closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.