



**USM Board of Regents
Special Board Meeting
Minutes from Public Session
March 10, 2020
Conference Call**

Minutes of the Public Session

Chair Gooden called the special meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order in public session at 5:34 p.m. on Tuesday March 10, 2020.

Those in attendance: Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Gossett, Johnson, Leggett, Malhotra, Mears, Neall, Needham, Rauch, Wallace, and Wood; Chancellor Perman; Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, Hogan, McDonough, Raley, and Sadowski; Ms. Wilkerson; and AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill.

- 1. Briefing on USM COVID-19 Response.** Chancellor Perman briefed the Regents on how the USM and its institutions are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. He shared that he strongly urged every university to prepare for students to remain off campus—for at least two weeks—*following* the end of spring break. He also advised them to prepare to deliver instruction remotely.
- 2. Briefing from MD Department of Health on COVID-19.** Maryland Secretary of Health and Regent Neall provided an update on the State of Maryland’s progress on preparations for the spread of COVID-19.
- 3. Discussion of Recent COVID-19 Guidance.** Chancellor Perman provided information about the USM guidance regarding spring break and the plans to move all classes to online and virtual methods of curriculum delivery.
- 4. Continuity of Operations.** Chancellor Perman and Vice Chancellor Herbst discussed continuity of operations for the USM as it prepares for the possibility of telework of USM employees. The USM is looking at relevant policies and checking information technology readiness in order to continue our mission.
- 5. Convene to Closed Session.** Chair Gooden read the “convene to close” statement citing the topics for the closed session and the relevant statutory authority for closing the meeting under 3-305(b) and 3-103(a)(1)(i). (Moved by Regent Neall; seconded by Regent Johnson; unanimously approved.)

The Board convened to closed session at 5:53 p.m.



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Chair Gooden called the special meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order in closed session at 5:54 p.m. on Tuesday March 10, 2020.

Those in attendance: Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Gossett, Johnson, Leggett, Malhotra, Mears, Neall, Needham, Rauch, Wallace, and Wood; Chancellor Perman; Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, Hogan, McDonough, Raley, and Sadowski; Ms. Wilkerson; and AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill.

1. **Advice from Counsel on Maryland Law Applicable to Emergency.** Chancellor Perman and AAG Bainbridge discussed Maryland law applicable to state emergency status. (§3-305(b)(7));
2. **Legal Advice Related to Potential Legal Issues Associated with COVID-19 Response.** Chancellor Perman and AAG Bainbridge discussed potential legal issues that could arise from COVID-19 responses. (§3-305(b)(7));
3. **Discussion on Board of Regents Strategic Communication on COVID-19 Matters.** Vice Chancellor McDonough discussed strategic communication related to COVID-19. (§3-103(a)(1)(i));
4. **Board Operations in Response to COVID-19.** Ms. Wilkerson briefed the Regents on board operations in response to COVID-19. (§3-103(a)(1)(i)).

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.