



**USM Board of Regents
Special Board Meeting
Minutes from Public Session
March 19, 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 5:11 p.m. on Thursday March 19, 2020.

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

- 1. Opening Remarks.** Chair Gooden opened the meeting by noting the seriousness of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. She reiterated that the USM must respond in a way that prioritizes the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and the larger community. She noted that the Chancellor, USM staff, and the OAG will keep the board updated on how the system is handling this crisis.
- 2. Temporary Delegation of Authority to the Chancellor to Amend Board Policy as Needed to Implement Response to COVID-19.** The Regents voted to grant temporary delegation of authority to the Chancellor to suspend or amend any Board of Regents policies, to the extent consistent with applicable laws, as the Chancellor determines necessary to meet the time-critical situations during this Coronavirus pandemic and statewide health emergency. (Regent Neall moved, Regent Pope seconded; unanimously approved).
- 3. 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 Johnson, seconded by Regent Pope; unanimously approved.)

The meeting reconvened in public session at 6:48p.m.

- 4. 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.
- 5. Update on Preparedness for Remote Learning.** Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Boughman provided an update on the USM institutions’ preparation for the possibility of moving classes to remote learning environments after spring break.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 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 5:22 p.m. on Thursday March 19, 2020.

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

1. **Discussion of Legal Risks Associated with Actions in Response to COVID-19.** The Board discussed, with counsel, any legal risks associated with actions taken in response to COVID-19. (§3-305(b)(7) and (8));
2. **Discussion Regarding Status of Institutions' Collective Bargaining.** The Regents discussed the status of collective bargaining at the institutions and the effect of COVID-19. (§3-305(b)(9));

The Board reconvened to public session at 5:48 p.m.