



**USM Board of Regents
Special Board Meeting
Minutes from Public Session
April 6, 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 5:03 p.m. on Monday April 6, 2020.

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

- 1. Chancellor's Update.** Chancellor Perman opened the meeting by providing an update on the USM's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chancellor Perman shared information on discussions about planning for summer sessions and the need to move to test optional admissions given nationwide cancellation of ACT and SAT administration. In addition to the emotional stress and anxiety of social distancing requirements, the Chancellor noted that financial aid will need to be adjusted with the widespread loss of jobs. In response to students' immediate needs, Chancellor Perman shared that campuses were bolstering emergency funds by reaching out to alumni and donors. Almost \$900,000 has been directed toward this effort. Chair Gooden challenged fellow Regents to pledge and will match their gifts dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000.
- 2. Suspend BOR Bylaws Article XII.** The Regents voted to suspend Article XII of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents for the duration of April 6, 2020 Special Board Meeting to allow the Board to amend its Bylaws. (Moved by Regent Gooden, seconded by Regent Pope; unanimously approved).
- 3. Amendment to BOR Bylaws Article IX – Section 4.** The Regents voted to amend Article IX, Section 4 of the Board of Regents Bylaws to include language allowing Regents to vote via conference call or video conference during emergency situations. (Moved by Regent Gossett, seconded by Regent Pope; unanimously approved).
- 4. Proposed Amendment to USM Policy VIII – 1.00 – Resolution Authorizing the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs to Approve Changes of Signatures on Bank Accounts.** The Regents voted to amend Policy VIII-1.00 to include technical adjustments including updating the current title from Assistant Vice Chancellor to Associate Vice Chancellor, updating the name of the system, and requiring that

notification of changes be submitted to the Board Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. (Moved by Regent Pope, seconded by Regent Gourdine; unanimously approved).

- 5. Update from Secretary of the MD Department of Health.** Maryland Secretary of Health and Regent Neall provided an update on the number of COVID-19 cases in Maryland and the State's response. The state is working to get as many volunteers as it can and to engage health workers of all types. The state is working to increase hospital capacity. Secretary Neall shared information about PPE and equipment shortages, namely masks, gowns, and ventilators. He also applauded the USM for its decisions to "close early". Regent Attman thanked Secretary Neall and the Governor on their work to get ahead of COVID-19.
- 6. 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 Pope; seconded by Regent Neall; unanimously approved.)

The meeting reconvened in closed session at 5:35 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 5:39 p.m. on Monday April 6, 2020.

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

1. **Meeting with a President.** The Regents met with an institutional president as part of a performance evaluation. (§3-305(b)(1));
2. **Briefing on the Process for Understanding the Financial Impact of COVID-19 and Strategies to Address Fiscal Impact.** This discussion was tabled until the next Special Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.