



BOARD OF REGENTS
University of Maryland Baltimore County
February 14, 2025

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SESSION

8:30 A.M.

Call to Order

Chair Gooden

Chair Linda Gooden called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday February 14, 2025, at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Those in attendance were: Chair Gooden; Regents Breslin, Coker, Fish, Gonella, Gourdine, Hasan, Leggett, Lewis, McMillen, Mirani, Neuberger, Parker, Pope, Sibel, Smarick, and Wood; Chancellor Perman; Presidents Breaux, Fowler, Ginsberg, Jarrell, Jenkins, Lepre, Miralles-Wilhelm, Pines, Schmoke, Sheares-Ashby, Interim President Delia, and Provost Allen; Senior Vice Chancellors Herbst and Wrynn; Vice Chancellors Lawrence, Masucci, Mosca, Sandler, Raley; Ms. Mulqueen, Ms. Wilkerson, and AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill.

Chair Gooden welcomed everyone to the first board meeting of the calendar year. She acknowledged the passing of President Ron Nowaczyk, highlighting his many contributions and offering thoughts to his loved ones. She welcomed Regent Harry Coker Jr. and outlined the 2025 board officer assignments. Finally, she congratulated USM leaders on their recent accolades.

Public Comment: Chair Gooden opened the period for public comment. The Board heard three public comments related to agenda item b-ii on the consent agenda, USM Quasi-Endowment Summary Report for 2024.

Educational Forum: A Better State of Care: Maryland's Academic Health System: Regent Louis Pope introduced the Educational Forum. The presenter was Dr. Mohan Suntha, President and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS). Dr. Suntha discussed the history of UMMS and its foundational partnership with the University of Maryland Baltimore. Dr. Suntha also highlighted where they are today through UMMS four-part mission. He also presented their vision for the future. Finally, he outlined what he sees as their upcoming opportunities.

Welcome from the University of Maryland Baltimore County: President Valerie Sheares-Ashby welcomed everyone to the UMBC. She highlighted recent successes. She also introduced a faculty member from the UMBC Institute for Politics, who gave an overview of their missions and activities during the 2024 election cycle. President Sheares Ashby also introduced a faculty member from the Center for Space Sciences and Technology, who discussed the lunar environment. Dr. Sheares Ashby ended by highlighting how this work provide rich research opportunities for UMBC students.

Chancellor's Report: Chancellor Perman presented his report. He spoke on the passing of President Ron Nowaczyk, highlighting his leadership at Frostburg State University and within the USM. He thanked Interim President Al Delia and shared that next month the USM will

welcome Dr. Darlene Brannigan Smith to the interim presidency, as we gear up this summer for a national search.

Chancellor Perman directed the Board's attention to the 2024 Annual Report, a summary of the System's progress toward strategic goals. He highlighted university excellence, especially UMBC's partnerships and commitment to public service. He also highlighted rankings and many other institutional achievements across the system.

He addressed the Governor's FY26 budget proposal and federal transitions that affect USM operations, programs, and budgets.

He ended his report by reiterating the USM's mission to change the world, for good. A written copy of the Chancellor's Report to the Board is available at [\[LINK\]](#).

I. Report of Councils

Council of University System Faculty: Dr. Haverback presented the report. CUSF and the CUSF Executive Committee both met. The CUSF General Body Meeting was held on January 22, 2025, at the USM Adelphi Office. They met with Chancellor Perman, UMGC President Gregory Fowler, and Andy Clark. Dr. Alison Wrynn also gave brief updates.

Council of University System Staff: The Council of University System Staff (CUSS) met at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) in December. They were joined by Vice Chancellor Susan Lawrence in preparation for the USM Advocacy Day on February 19, 2025. Since the December Board of Regents meeting CUSS has been busy taking stock of some major changes occurring locally, state-wide, and nationally.

Council of University System Presidents: President Breaux presented the report. CUSP met for the first time this calendar year on January 6, 2025, via Zoom. First, they heard an update from Chancellor Perman on the USM's Regional Higher Education Centers. Next, Ellen Herbst, Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance and Colleen Auburger, Executive Director of the University Budget Office, presented a budget update. CUSP learned about proposed revisions to the USM Policy on Debt Management from Celeste Denson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs and Samantha Norris, Director-Financial Planning and Analysis. Finally, the meeting concluded with discussions that were labor-related and immigrated-related, led by Chancellor Perman and Assistant Attorney General Katherine Bainbridge, respectively. CUSP met virtually again on February 3, 2025. At this meeting, CUSP discussed recent and ongoing changes that have come through the federal executive branch.

University System of Maryland Student Council: Ms. Gambhir presented the USMSC report. The council had its first general meeting of the semester earlier this month. The government relations team first shared more about the Governor's plan for the USM budget. The rest of the meeting was an open conversation centered on the ways in which ongoing federal shifts and executive orders could potentially impact students in higher education, and it naturally grouped into four themes: research and medicine, campus safety, financial, and internships and career plans.

2. Consent Agenda

Chair Gooden

The Consent Agenda was presented to the regents by Chair Gooden. She asked if there were any items on the agenda that should be removed for further discussion. There were no requests to remove any item. (Moved by Regent Gooden; seconded by Regent Smarick; unanimously approved). The items included were:

- a. Committee of the Whole
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 20, 2024, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
- b. Committee on Advancement
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from February 12, 2025, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - ii. USM Quasi-Endowment Summary Report for 2024 (information)
 - iii. Request to increase spendable income for the Quasi-Endowment Grant Program (action)
- c. Committee on Audit
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from December 18, 2024, and January 27, 2025 (action)
- d. Education Policy & Student Life and Safety
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from January 30, 2025, public and closed sessions (action)
 - ii. Academic Program Proposals (action)
 - 1. Bowie State University: Bachelor of Science in Accounting
 - 2. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Master of Science in Trauma Sciences
 - 3. University of Maryland, College Park: Master of Science in Biostatistics
 - 4. University of Maryland, College Park: Ph.D. in Biostatistics
 - iii. Report: Workload of the USM Faculty – Academic Year 2023-2024 (information)
- e. Committee on Finance
 - i. University of Maryland, College Park: Authorize Electric Infrastructure Project for New Electric Bus Fleet (action)
 - ii. FY 2024 Audited Financial Statements and USM Financial Planning (information)
 - iii. University System of Maryland: Review of Capital Improvement Projects (information)
 - iv. University of Maryland Global Campus: Planned Use of Largo Sale Proceeds (information)
- f. Committee on Governance & Compensation
 - i. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2024, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
- g. Committee on Research and Economic Development
 - i. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2024 (action)

3. Review of Items Removed from Consent Agenda

4. Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Finance Regent
 - i. University System of Maryland: FY 2026 Operating Budget Update (information)
Regent Fish introduced the report. Senior Vice Chancellor Ellen Herbst presented the Operating Budget Update.
 - ii. University System of Maryland: FY 2026 Capital Budget Update (information)
Regent Fish introduced the report and turned the report over to Senior Vice Chancellor Ellen Herbst. Senior Vice Chancellor Herbst took the Operating and Capital Budget Updates together.
- b. Committee of the Whole
 - i. Resolution of Appreciation for President Nowaczyk (action)
Chair Gooden presented a Board of Regents Resolution of Appreciation for Frostburg State University former president Dr. Ron Nowaczyk for approval. (Moved by Regent Gooden; seconded by Regent Breslin; unanimously approved).
 - ii. Progress Report on the FSU Educational Market Alignment Plan (EMAP) (information)
Frostburg State University Interim President Al Delia provided the Board with a progress report on the Educational Market Alignment Plan (EMAP) at Frostburg State University (FSU). Mr. Delia described the context and detailed Frostburg's current and future plans to meet the university's financial challenges.
 - iii. HIEDA Taskforce Report and Proposed Amendments to Policy VIII-15.00—Policy on High Impact Economic Development Activities (information)
Regent Smarick introduced the report and updated the Board on the workgroup's progress and future plans. Senior Vice Chancellor Ellen Herbst provided additional details.
 - iv. USM Strategic Communications Workgroup Update (information)
Regent Gonella introduced the report. He and Vice Chancellor Michael Sandler presented an update on the USM Strategic Communications Workgroup, highlighting the newly launched branding campaign for the USM.
 - v. Meet and Confer Update (information)
Chair Gooden and Chancellor Perman provided information about how the University System of Maryland supports the process of meet and confer as a means for graduate assistants (GAs) to formally discuss and resolve matters with university administration including topics such as stipends, benefits, and terms of appointments. The Board will set up a workgroup to make recommendations on strengthening the meet and confer process across the USM.

5. Reconvene to Closed Session (action)

Chair Gooden

Reconvene to Closed Session Reconvene 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 Fish, seconded by Regent Pope; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.