TOPIC: Convening Closed Session

COMMITTEE: Committee on Organization and Compensation

DATE OF MEETING: January 19, 2016

SUMMARY: The Open Meetings Act permits public bodies to close their meetings to the public in special circumstances outlined in §3-305 of the Act and to carry out administrative functions exempted by §3-103 of the Act. The Board of Regents Committee on Organization and Compensation will now vote to reconvene in closed session. As required by law, the vote on the closing of the session will be recorded. A written statement of the reason(s) for closing the meeting, including a citation of the authority under §3-305 and a listing of the topics to be discussed, is available for public review.

It is possible that an issue could arise during a closed session that the Committee determines should be discussed in open session or added to the closed session agenda for discussion. In that event, the Committee would reconvene in open session to discuss the open session topic or to vote to reconvene in closed session to discuss the additional closed session topic.

ALTERNATIVE(S): No alternative is suggested.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact

CHANCELLOR’S RECOMMENDATION: The Chancellor recommends that the BOR Committee on Organization and Compensation vote to reconvene in closed session.

COMMITTEE ACTION: DATE: January 19, 2016

BOARD ACTION: DATE:

SUBMITTED BY: Katie Ryan, 301-445-1903 or kryan@usmd.edu
STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSING A MEETING
OF THE USM BOARD OF REGENTS

Date: January 19, 2016
Time: Approximately 11:15 AM
Location: University of Maryland Baltimore

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE A SESSION

Md. Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b):

(1) To discuss:

[ x ] (i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or

[ x ] (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

(2) [ x ] To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.

(3) [ ] To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

(4) [ ] To consider a preliminary matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.

(5) [ ] To consider the investment of public funds.

(6) [ ] To consider the marketing of public securities.

(7) [ x] To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

(8) [ ] To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

(9) [x] To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.
(10) [ ] To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussions would constitute a risk to the public or public security, including:

(i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and

(ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.

(11) [ ] To prepare, administer or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination.

(12) [ ] To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.

(13) [] To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

(14) [ ] Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

Md. Code, General Provisions Article §3-103(a)(1)(i):

[ ] Administrative Matters

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED: MOU for Salisbury University non-exempt employees; collective bargaining update on coalition institutions; mid-year evaluation of USM presidents; review of employment agreements for UMCP athletic personnel; discussion of a benefit received by the Chancellor to be used in connection with performance of his duties; legal advice concerning regent service on other boards;

REASON FOR CLOSING:
To maintain confidentiality of a proposed collective bargaining agreement prior to approval (§3-305(b)(9)) to maintain confidentiality of ongoing collective bargaining negotiations between institutions and unions (§3-305(b)(9)); to maintain confidentiality of personnel information of presidents (§3-305(b)(1)); to maintain confidentiality of personnel information for UMCP personnel; to maintain confidentiality of regents’ discussion in connection with Chancellor’s performance of his duties (§3-305(b)(2)); to maintain attorney-client privilege for communications with legal counsel (§3-305(b)(7)).