



**BOARD OF REGENTS
Special Board Meeting
Conference Call
March 30, 2020**

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AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SESSION	5:00 P.M.
Call to Order	Chair Gooden
1. Chancellor's Remarks (information)	Chancellor Perman
2. Remote Learning Update (information)	Chancellor Perman
3. Dorm Closures / Student Progress on Move Out (information)	Chancellor Perman
4. International Students (information)	Chancellor Perman
5. Commencement Plans (information)	Chancellor Perman
6. Student Nursing and Other Emergency Support Plans for the Pandemic (information)	Chancellor Perman
7. Federal Legislation (information)	Chancellor Perman
8. Strategic Plan Advisory Group (information)	Chair Gooden
9. Adjourn	



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SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION,
INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Remote Learning Update

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

DATE OF MEETING: March 30, 2020

SUMMARY: The Board will receive an update of remote learning at the campuses.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The Board could choose to not hear this update.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive an update on remote learning at the campuses.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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BOARD ACTION:

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SUBMITTED BY: Denise Wilkerson, dwilkerson@usmd.edu, 301-445-1906



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SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION,
INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Dorm Closures / Student Progress on Moves Out

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

DATE OF MEETING: March 30, 2020

SUMMARY: The Board will receive an update on dorm closures at the campuses and the progress of students moving out.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The Board could choose to not hear this update.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive an update on dorm closures/student progress on moves out.

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SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION,
INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: International Students

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

DATE OF MEETING: March 30, 2020

SUMMARY: The Board will receive an update on international students at the campuses.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The Board could choose to not hear this update.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive an update on international students.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION,
INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Commencement Plans

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

DATE OF MEETING: March 30, 2020

SUMMARY: The Board will receive an update on commencement plans at each institution.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The Board could choose to not hear this update.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive an update on commencement plans.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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BOARD ACTION:

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SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION,
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TOPIC: Student Nursing and Other Emergency Support Plans for the Pandemic

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

DATE OF MEETING: March 30, 2020

SUMMARY: The Board will receive an update on student nursing and other emergency support plans for the pandemic.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The Board could choose to not hear this update.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive an update on student nursing and other emergency support plans for the pandemic.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION,
INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Federal Legislation

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

DATE OF MEETING: March 30, 2020

SUMMARY: The Board will receive an update on federal legislation related to COVID-19.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The Board could choose to not hear this update.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive an update on federal legislation related to COVID-19.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION,
INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Strategic Plan Advisory Group

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

DATE OF MEETING: March 30, 2020

SUMMARY: The Board will receive an update on a strategic plan advisory group.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The Board could choose to not hear this update.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive an update on a strategic plan advisory group.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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March 29, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

As we contemplate the opportunity Regent Neall advanced at our last session —that we, as a board, consider what’s next post-Covid-19, I am reminded of an old, yet timeless quote by Einstein, **“Out of clutter find simplicity; From discord find harmony; In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.”** I believe this simple quote sums up the journey ahead.

Like many of you, I have used this stay-at-home time to reflect and catch up on reading. I found the attached article, [The Great Recession Was Bad for Higher Education. Coronavirus Could Be Worse](#), published in The Chronicle of Higher Education. Although the article does an effective job of capturing lessons learned, it underestimates our ability to capture those lessons and leverage them to move our system forward.

The Chancellor and I are excited by the success of our USM team to rally to the occasion. In a few short weeks the system, led by the institution presidents, have transitioned from a traditional platform, to a remote learning environment. We are excited by the teamwork and comradery we are witnessing. We are particularly excited by the team’s creativity and innovation to meet the student needs. With this backdrop, we plan to kick-off the strategic plan discussion this summer. Our goal is to include as many stakeholders as appropriate in the process. We also plan to continue to drive a series of discussions around Covid-19 preparedness and its financial impact, the USM budgets and capital plans, the work we are doing in enrollment, athletics, and at the Kirwan Center to inform the strategic process, which will define the *new normal*.

If, as a System and a Board, we can capture best practices from the last major recession; leverage the things we are learning as we address Covid-19; focus forward and assume there are no *sacred cows* or self-imposed constraints; and continue to keep front of mind who we serve, and how we can best advance the welfare of students, state, and our economy moving forward, we can do the *unthinkable*, and evolve one of the greatest educational systems into an even greater educational system.

To that end, we are asking a subset of the regents to work as advisors with the group, who will begin to build a roadmap to our *new normal* this fall.

In addition to Barry Gossett and me, the Board’s advisory group will include the following members:

- Gary Attman



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- Ellen Fish
- Geoff Gonella
- Meredith Mears
- Bobby Neall
- Bob Wallace
- Student Regent

Thank you for your service as we look ahead and plan for our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda'.

Linda