



**BOARD OF REGENTS
Special Board Meeting
Conference Call
March 20, 2025**

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SESSION

4:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Chair Gooden

I. [Reconvene to Closed Session](#) (action)

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STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSING A MEETING
OF THE USM BOARD OF REGENTS

Date: March 20, 2025
Time: Approximately 4:05 p.m.
Location: Conference Call

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE A SESSION

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

- (1) To discuss:
- ☐ (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
 - ☐ (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
- (2) ☐ 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) ☒ 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) ☐ 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.
- (15) [] To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to:
- (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology;
 - (ii) network security information, including information that is:
 - 1. related to passwords, personal identification numbers, access codes, encryption, or other components of the security system of a governmental entity;
 - 2. collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental entity to prevent, detect, or investigate criminal activity; or
 - 3. related to an assessment, made by or for a governmental entity or maintained by a governmental entity, of the vulnerability of a network to criminal activity; or
 - (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

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

- [] Administrative Matters

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Discussion with legal counsel about implications of recent federal actions.
2. Discussion with legal counsel about allegations against an institution.

REASON FOR CLOSING:

1. To maintain confidentiality and attorney client privilege with respect to communications with, and advice from, legal counsel (§3-305(b)(7) and (8)).