
OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Committee on Advancement

Geoff Gonella, Chair
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FROM: Timothy A. Minor, Vice Chancellor

DATE: February 12, 2026

RE: Meeting of the Committee via Video Conference

The Committee on Advancement of the USM Board of Regents will meet in public session via video conference at 11:00 AM on February 18, 2026. Upon the conclusion of the public session, the Committee will convene in closed session.

The agendas and supporting materials will be available on Nasdaq Boardvantage for members of the Board and the USM website at <https://www.usmd.edu/regents/agendas/>.

Zoom details will be provided to the Regents prior to the meeting.

Public listen-only access: 443-353-0686; Conference ID: 129 496 839#.

cc: Office of the Attorney General
Chancellor's Council
Office of Communications
Vice Presidents for Institutional Advancement



AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SESSION

11:00 AM

Call to Order

Chair Gonella

- 1) [Fundraising Updates \(information\)](#)
 - a) Year-to-date fundraising January FY26
 - b) Recent accomplishments by USM institutions
- 2) [Shared Services \(information\)](#)
 - a) CRM Project Update
 - b) Planned Giving Services
- 3) [USM Quasi-Endowment Summary Report for CY25 \(information\)](#)
- 4) [Advancement-Related Board of Regents Policies \(information\)](#)
 - a) IX-5.00 Policy of the Board of Regents on Ethical Practices and Charitable Giving
 - b) IX-6.00 Policy on Use of Foundation and Alumni Association funds to provide economic benefits to USM employees
- 5) [Gift Agreement Amendment Request \(action\)](#)
- 6) [Convene to Closed Session \(action\)](#)

Fundraising Updates (information)

TOPIC: Year-to-date Fundraising Report and Recent Accomplishments by USM Institutions

COMMITTEE: Advancement Committee

DATE OF MEETING: February 18, 2026

SUMMARY: Fundraising progress for January FY26 (as compared to FY25).
A short report highlighting advancement accomplishments on each campus.

ALTERNATIVE(S): This is an information item.

FISCAL IMPACT: This is an information item.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Information item

DATE: 2.18.26

BOARD ACTION:

DATE:

SUBMITTED BY: Timothy A. Minor, Vice Chancellor for Advancement, tminor@usmd.edu
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FY26 FUNDRAISING

Institution	FY25 Results	FY25 Goal	Percentage to Goal	FY26 Results	FY26 Goal	Percentage to Goal
	30-Jan	FY25	30-Jan	FY26	FY26	
Bowie State University	\$3,565,813	\$8,000,000	44.57%	\$60,505,603	\$5,000,000	1210.11%
Coppin State University	\$7,430,281	\$3,500,000	212.29%	\$1,391,868	\$3,000,000	46.40%
Frostburg State University	\$3,312,423	\$4,300,000	77.03%	\$3,555,609	\$4,600,000	77.30%
Salisbury University	\$11,073,539	\$12,000,000	92.28%	\$9,540,740	\$10,000,000	95.41%
Towson University	\$1,643,434	\$12,000,000	13.70%	\$12,384,105	\$16,000,000	77.40%
University of Baltimore*	\$2,080,573	\$6,500,000	32.01%	\$2,206,956	\$5,500,000	40.13%
University of Maryland, Baltimore	\$63,583,627	\$85,000,000	74.80%	\$101,505,012	\$96,500,000	105.19%
University of Maryland Baltimore County	\$6,377,284	\$10,000,000	63.77%	\$3,010,941	\$10,000,000	30.11%
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Sciences	\$2,640,262	\$1,250,000	211.22%	\$973,452	\$2,500,000	38.94%
University of Maryland, College Park	\$110,996,008	\$200,000,000	55.50%	\$164,234,099	\$225,000,000	72.99%
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	\$1,064,206	\$5,000,000	21.28%	\$42,771,120	\$3,000,000	1425.70%
University of Maryland Global Campus	\$2,707,262	\$4,500,000	60.16%	\$2,705,490	\$4,000,000	67.64%
University System of Maryland	\$699,739			\$681,768		
TOTAL	\$217,220,503	\$352,050,000	61.70%	\$405,466,763	\$385,100,000	105.29%

*UBalt as of December 31, 2025



Recent Advancement Program Accomplishments by USM Institutions

Bowie State University

BSU announced a \$50 million gift from MacKenzie Scott in November 2025, following a \$25 million from Scott in 2020. This \$50 million gift is BSU's largest gift in history. Additionally, in December 2025, BSU announced a \$6.5 million unrestricted gift from Elior Collegiate Dining that aims to transform student experience and drive campus innovation and modernization. At the end of January, BSU was approximately 1,100% above their FY26 fundraising goal.

Coppin State University

Coppin State University has completed its groundbreaking BE More Capital Campaign, raising over \$26+million, surpassing the initial \$25 million goal. This success has led to a 126% increase in the university's endowment and a 400%+ growth in fundraising. Additionally, Coppin State welcomed its largest freshman class in decades, marking its status as the 1# fastest-growing university in the greater Baltimore area.

Frostburg State University

Frostburg State University recently announced the successful conclusion of its comprehensive campaign, Forging Futures: The Campaign for Frostburg State University, a historic, record-breaking fundraising effort that officially ended on Dec. 31, 2025. Despite launching the public phase of the campaign during the global pandemic with an ambitious goal of raising \$25 million, the generosity of FSU alumni and other friends of the University helped it to surpass that goal, raising \$36,755,628 in gifts and commitments. This is significantly more than the last campaign which raised \$16.7 million.

Salisbury University

Salisbury University is poised to follow up our record-breaking fundraising total in FY25 (\$14.3M), with another solid effort in FY26 (\$10M goal). Back-to-back 8-figure fundraising totals would be a first in Salisbury University history. Anchored by our 100th anniversary celebration culminating this Spring, investments have been made in student scholarships and program endowments along with much needed capital projects like our upcoming Performing Arts Center, Arboretum and enhancements to our athletic facilities. We launched an initiative for the Centennial of creating 100 new endowed student funds (scholarship and program) and are about 20 away from a successful completion.

Towson University

Towson is building momentum across all aspects of its advancement program:

- FY 2026 YTD Fundraising stands at \$12,541,810 (as of 02/02/2026) as compared to \$5,744,279 FY 2025 YTD Fundraising. This represents 78% of TU's FY 2026 Fundraising Goal.
- TU received its largest gift from an individual in university history (\$6.65 M) in November 2025, which will support the creation of the following funds: Museum Endowment Fund, Research Lab Endowment Fund, Faculty Research Grants Endowment, and a Strategic Sales Center Fund.
- YTD Alumni Dollars (\$2,404,133) stand at 95% of total Alumni Dollars for FY 2025.
- YTD Unrestricted Giving (\$231,661) is up 260% over FY 2025 YTD.

University of Baltimore

The University of Baltimore capped 2025 with its Centennial Grand Celebration, welcoming nearly 400 guests to commemorate the closing of its 100th anniversary. In honor of the milestone, UBalt established The Kurt L. Schmoke Scholarship Fund—an endowed fund supporting UBalt students pursuing careers in public service. This is the first time President Schmoke has agreed to have something named in his honor, and we are pleased to report \$1,120,500 has been raised for the initiative. During the same period, UBalt also received a \$1 million grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York to expand the Near Completers program, helping students who are close to graduation finish their degrees.

University of Maryland, Baltimore

UMB is working on an increased level of alumni engagement through events, including a wonderful event at the Universities at Shady Grove, highlighting the SAFE Center for Human Trafficking Survivors. We also held events in New York, Chicago, Florida and on the Eastern Shore. This grass roots engagement lays the foundation of a stronger philanthropy program. At the other end of the continuum, we celebrate the \$50 Million commitment from Tom Golisano to name the Children's Hospital at the University of Maryland Medical Center. This gift developed because UMB and the University of Maryland Medical System worked in partnership to create an environment where investments of this magnitude are possible and can lead to lasting impact.

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

UMBC is entering a transformative era of advancement. While we continue to build momentum toward our current \$10MM annual goal, the Office of Institutional Advancement (OIA) is strategically pivoting to sustainably double our philanthropic attainment. In alignment with our upcoming Strategic Plan, we are moving away from traditional campaign models in favor of Presidential Imperatives. These branded initiatives will target 8- and 9-figure support through an innovative public/private hybrid model.

To support this growth, we are intensifying our focus on Principal Gifts and Planned Giving, recently highlighted by a landmark \$800K bequest. We are simultaneously elevating our leadership annual giving through the Hilltop Society and increasing our external market presence. This spring, we launch the Corporate and Foundation Engagement (CAFE) initiative to position OIA as a campus-wide convener and lead strategist. Finally, we are embracing the digital frontier by deploying 'Sam,' our first virtual engagement officer, alongside AI-driven utilities designed to maximize the efficacy of our frontline gift officers.

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

First established at the Institute of Marine and Environmental Science (IMET) as the IMET Angel Investors, and now additionally as The Appalachian Lab Investor Network (TALIN) at UM CES' lab in Frostburg, two visionary **philanthropic investor groups** pool their funds to support vital early-stage environmental research. Where the return on investment is the potential for solution-oriented discovery, these gifts, more than \$1.2 million since 2024 alone, have enabled our scientists to answer key questions and obtain critical proof-of-concept results that are in turn leveraged for support from traditional funding agencies. UM CES is grateful to these donors who recognize the challenge of funding high risk/high reward environmental research.

University of Maryland, College Park

Off the heels of their public launch of Forward: The University of Maryland Campaign for the Fearless on October 30, 2025, UMCP is on track to meet and even exceed numerous FY26 fundraising targets (as of 2.7.26):

- \$170M raised towards \$225M total fundraising goal
- \$38M raised towards \$56M planned gift goal
- \$89M raised towards \$120M principal-level gifts goal (gifts \$1M+)
- \$35M raised towards \$28M research goal, already well exceeding goal

UMCP had a strong start to the kickoff of a new President-level university-wide giving society, Maryland Women's Society, with 103 members (toward a 100-member goal) in its first year and counting. This program acknowledges and stewards annual giving level donors and builds new demographic base. This society will also provide a mechanism for Unit-based priorities to be showcased.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore

In late October, UMES announced a \$38 million unrestricted gift from MacKenzie Scott, who previously gifted the university \$20 million in 2020. This gift is the single largest gift in UMES's history. The institution plans to use the gift to advance high-impact priorities that sustain long-term excellence and student opportunity. As of the end of January, UMES is 1,300% over their FY26 fundraising goal.

University of Maryland Global Campus

Philanthropic Impact Advancing Military- and Veteran-Focused Student Success

- UMGC received a \$750,000 grant from the Kahlert Foundation in support of the *Pillars of Strength Scholarship Program*, expanding need-based scholarships for Maryland students who serve as caregivers to wounded warriors.
- UMGC also received \$593,603 from the Estate of John “Jack” Milton, a distinguished UMGC graduate and decorated veteran whose military service spanned World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Milton and his late wife, Samantha, were long-standing supporters of UMGC, contributing to arts and scholarship programs that benefit military and veteran students. In recognition of their enduring generosity and national service, UMGC named the Executive Conference Room in their honor.

These philanthropic investments strengthen UMGC's leadership in serving military-affiliated learners and reinforce our mission of expanding access and opportunity for those who serve.

Shared Services (information)

TOPIC: Shared Services (information)

COMMITTEE: Advancement Committee

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: February 18, 2026

SUMMARY: The Committee will hear an update about efforts to expand key services to advancement programs throughout the USM.

ALTERNATIVE(S): None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

COMMITTEE ACTION: DATE: 2.18.26

BOARD ACTION: DATE:

SUBMITTED BY: Timothy A. Minor, Vice Chancellor for Advancement, tminor@usmd.edu
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USM Quasi-Endowment Summary Report for CY25

(information)

TOPIC: Quasi Endowment Grant Award Summary Report

COMMITTEE: Advancement Committee

DATE OF MEETING: February 18, 2026

SUMMARY: The Quasi-Endowment Fund was established with \$50 million committed by USM institutions and the USM Office. Spendable income from this quasi-endowment funds two components: a competitive grant program administered through the USM Office of Advancement, and direct funding of institution fundraising programs.

The expenditure summary report provides an overview of activities in progress made because of funding from USM's quasi endowment fund for CY25.

ALTERNATIVE(S): This is an information item.

FISCAL IMPACT: This is an information item.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Information DATE: 2.18.26

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USM Quasi-Endowment Grant Program

Expenditure Summary Report for 2025

INSTITUTION	DESCRIPTION	STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Bowie State University	Bowie State University used its FY25 USM Quasi-Endowment grant to strengthen and expand the Nelson Wells Legacy Society and the university's overall planned giving program, primarily by funding a Legacy Giving Officer and supporting related engagement activities. The funds were applied toward donor cultivation, community and foundation partnerships, staff cross training, marketing, data analysis, and event-based outreach such as informational webinars, Founders Day programming, Alumni Weekend recognition activities, and collaborative planned-giving presentations. These investments directly contributed to increasing planned giving awareness, securing six new NWLS members, generating the largest bequest in the Society's history, and deepening engagement with alumni, faculty, staff, and legacy families, thereby advancing BSU's long term philanthropic pipeline.	\$45,000
Coppin State University	In 2025, CSU awarded a grant to support a Development Associate role focused on alumni engagement, prospect research, and fundraising; however, due to internal staffing transitions, the position remained vacant during FY25, resulting in no personnel expenditures being charged to the grant. Despite the vacancy, the Institutional Advancement team redistributed responsibilities internally, enabling CSU to achieve its strongest fundraising year in history, including securing a record \$6.225 million gift, raising over \$8.5 million total, and successfully completing the BE MORE Capital Campaign at \$25.7 million. Because the position was unfilled, unspent funds remain, and CSU proposes reallocating them toward implementing the DXO platform—an automated system that supports the same functions originally intended for the Development Associate, such as prospect research, alumni engagement tracking, and donor stewardship—thus keeping the use of funds aligned with the grant's purpose.	\$40,000
Frostburg State University	Frostburg State University received a \$50,000 quasi endowment grant to support graphic design needs associated with its fundraising and alumni engagement work, particularly as it concluded its Forging Futures campaign. The university hired two contractual graphic designers in August 2025 who produced new and redesigned materials—such as stewardship holiday cards, Bobcat Giving Day branding, and updated post campaign materials. Although the grant originally budgeted for printing and postage, those expenses were absorbed elsewhere, allowing the full award to be dedicated entirely to graphic design support. As a result, FSU has seen strong donor renewals through the Clocktower Circle and the creation of 14 new endowed funds. All funds remain allocated to design contracts and are expected to be fully spent by December 31, 2026.	\$50,000
Salisbury University	Salisbury University received a \$50,000 Quasi Endowment Grant to support centennial aligned fundraising efforts, donor engagement, and endowment growth initiatives. The funds helped launch the university's centennial fundraising plan, expand a pilot endowment matching program into the new Next Century Match, and support outreach such as a 200 attendee centennial gala that raised \$200,000. Progress included creating 20 new endowments in 2025 totaling \$520,000, establishing additional endowments in 2026, increasing alumni and donor engagement events, and expanding visibility through a new quarterly donor newsletter. The grant funding was allocated to priority needs: \$4,500 for printed materials, \$1,000 for postage, and \$44,500 toward matching funds and technology—primarily supporting the endowment matching incentive and efficiency building tools.	\$50,000
Towson University	Towson University used their \$50,000 grant to conduct a comprehensive two phase campaign readiness assessment and feasibility study, engaging the external consulting firm Graham Pelton to evaluate the university's internal advancement capacity and external philanthropic potential. The funds supported activities such as consultant selection, stakeholder interviews, focus groups, data analysis, alumni and donor surveys, peer benchmarking, and the development of early campaign themes and prospect lists. This work helped TU assess staffing, systems, leadership readiness, and donor interest, yielding data driven recommendations to guide the planning of its next major fundraising campaign. All activities remained aligned with the original proposal and are on schedule for completion by April 2026.	\$50,000
University of Baltimore	The University of Baltimore used their \$50,000 Quasi-Endowment Grant to strengthen and expand its planned giving program during its Centennial Year by partnering with Stelter Inc. to enhance digital outreach, update planned giving messaging, increase educational email communications, and sustain an online endowment giving platform. Grant-funded efforts generated over 57,000 constituent contact touches, produced more than 650 active donor leads, supported nearly 90 new planned giving society members, and drove significant traffic to the "Giving Docs" estate planning tool while also supporting mailings tied to the university's 1925 Fund. Of the awarded funds, \$46,000 had been spent by year-end on planned giving marketing, digital tools, and donor outreach, with final expenses expected to align with the full \$50,000 budget.	\$50,000
University of Maryland, Baltimore	UMB used the funds to support a 10 month contract writer and accompanying videography/photography services to strengthen endowment focused philanthropy through donor storytelling and multimedia content. Funds were used to develop donor and alumni narratives, create campaign messaging templates, coordinate interviews across UMB's schools, and partner with Communications & Public Affairs to plan and begin production of a donor impact video series, including completing the prototype donor interview in January 2026. The grant enabled significant groundwork for future campaign communications, including story drafts, messaging frameworks, and video pre production. Remaining unspent funds are proposed for post production of the prototype video, creation of additional donor impact videos, and finalization and distribution of communication toolkits for campuswide use.	\$35,000
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science	UMCES used their grant to develop and launch a comprehensive centennial year marketing and branding campaign. Funds were used to hire Caxton LLC to create a cohesive suite of centennial branding materials, design the public facing website umces100.org, produce digital and print graphics, and support outreach efforts such as public signage, social media content, and a co production sponsorship with Maryland Public Television. This branding supported UMCES's goals of increasing visibility among existing supporters, reaching new audiences—particularly potential donors—strengthening legacy giving messaging, and deepening engagement through 10 public events held throughout the centennial year. The campaign generated strong internal unity across UMCES's six statewide locations and created lasting momentum for future advancement and fundraising initiatives.	\$40,000
University of Maryland College Park	UMCP used the Quasi Endowment Grant to continue campus wide implementation of the Scholarship Universe platform, which centralizes scholarship management, enhances donor stewardship, and improves student access to funding. Grant supported work enabled the full onboarding of remaining academic units, auditing and configuring hundreds of funds, coordinating campus training, and managing scholarship cycles and donor communications. As a result, scholarship administration expanded significantly—nearly 1,700 funds now run through the system, more than \$13.7 million in student aid and \$8.8 million in endowment funding were disbursed, thousands of student thank you messages were collected for donor stewardship, and over 1,400 donors received scholarship binders. The funds were fully expended to support staffing and operational needs that drive these improvements, contributing directly to more efficient data management, stronger campus partnerships, and increased donor engagement.	\$35,000
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Seeking to double the number of athletic endowments, funds were to support a junior development officer to support fundraising efforts in intercollegiate athletics. UMES has a new Assistant Athletic Director and will utilize these funds in 2026.	\$45,000
The Universities at Shady Grove	USG utilized the grant to advance the creation of an endowed internship scholarship fund aimed at helping students reduce work burdens and pursue meaningful experiential learning opportunities. Although organizational restructuring shifted priorities toward "immediate use" scholarship support rather than building an endowment, the Quasi Endowment funds successfully catalyzed donor engagement—most notably inspiring a past Board of Advisors (BOA) chair to pledge \$15,000 (later redirected to immediate use scholarships) and motivating another BOA member to contribute \$20,000 toward the Community Farmshare Internship Program, which supported paid internships for eight students. The \$15,000 grant itself has not yet been spent but is being placed into a new BOA Internship Scholarship endowed account, where it will help meet the \$25,000 minimum to activate the endowment.	\$15,000
USM Hagerstown	USMH received a \$20,000 quasi grant in 2025 to support growth of its scholarship endowment by requiring a \$40,000 matching contribution. USMH launched the "Cheers to 20" campaign and successfully met the match through historical donors, new sponsors, and a major local foundation gift. The funds allowed USMH to grow its endowment by \$40,000 while still awarding seventeen \$3,000 scholarships from its existing fund. To meet structural requirements, the grant was used to cover scholarships awarded to Frostburg State University at USMH students, which freed \$20,000 in USMH's scholarship fund to transfer into the endowment project. Additionally, USMH received unexpected contributions, including \$20,000 from the Alice Virginia & David W. Fletcher Foundation and \$5,000 from an anonymous donor.	\$20,000
TOTAL AWARDED		\$475,000

Advancement-Related Board of Regents Policies (information)

TOPIC: Advancement-Related Board of Regents Policies (information)

COMMITTEE: Advancement Committee

DATE OF MEETING: February 18, 2026

SUMMARY: The Regents Advancement Committee is responsible for reviewing all advancement-related Board of Regents' policies. USM staff are currently reviewing two policies: (a) IX-5.00 Policy on Ethical Practices and Charitable Giving, and (b) IX-6.00 Policy on the Use of Foundation and Alumni Association Funds to Provide Economic Benefits to USM Employees.

ALTERNATIVE(S): None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

COMMITTEE ACTION: DATE: 2.18.26

BOARD ACTION: DATE:

SUBMITTED BY: Timothy A. Minor, Vice Chancellor for Advancement, tminor@usmd.edu
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Gift Agreement Amendment Request (action)

TOPIC: Gift Agreement Amendment Request (action)

COMMITTEE: Advancement Committee

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: February 18, 2026

SUMMARY: The members of the Advancement Committee will review and discuss an outdated Memorandum of Understanding from the University of Maryland, College Park.

The University of Maryland, College Park is seeking to amend an outdated MOU from 1965 for the KEA Student Loan Fund. They are requesting it be a regular scholarship fund and not a loan fund, which requires a vote from the Board of Regents.

ALTERNATIVE(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no anticipated fiscal impact.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

COMMITTEE ACTION: DATE: 2.18.26

BOARD ACTION: DATE:

SUBMITTED BY: Timothy A. Minor, Vice Chancellor for Advancement, tminor@usmd.edu
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE KEA STUDENT LOAN FUND

Paul H. Kea and Grace F. Kea (called the donors herein), 4004 Clagett Road, College Heights Estates, Hyattsville, Maryland, are establishing at the University of Maryland a Student Loan Fund on the following terms and conditions:

1. The name of the Fund shall be the

KEA STUDENT LOAN FUND.

2. The University will accept from the donors and others deposits (including deposits of securities) to such Fund from time to time and shall issue appropriate receipts therefor.

The initial deposit being made by the donors herewith shall be \$10,000.

3. The University shall make loans and advances to its students in such amounts and at such times and on such conditions as shall be duly determined by its authorized officials, provided, however, that the donors are specifically interested in non-interest bearing loans of an emergency nature to students who are helping to earn the expenses of their education. The donors particularly direct that such loans shall be made by the University officials responsible for the administration of student aid with maximum flexibility and dispatch. Any and all normal procedures to assure repayment shall be subordinated to these considerations, and such officials of the University shall be protected in all respects in carrying out the policy.

It is expected that the maximum amount of any loans to any one student shall be not more than approximately half of his or her established annual expenses.

4. Following the end of each fiscal year of the University the officials administering such Fund for the University shall furnish the donors during their lifetime with a written report of the number of loans made from such Fund during such year and the number and amounts of loans outstanding at the end of such fiscal year.

5. The University shall be authorized, upon determination by the Board of Regents that utilization of such Fund is no longer adequate to justify its continuance, to apply the remaining balance to such purposes as they shall deem to be most consistent with the objectives of the donors.
6. This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective on approval of the Board of Regents of the University and its proper execution by the parties.

Accepted for the University of Maryland:

Robert H. Kea
Dated: March 13, 1965

Accepted for the Donors:

Paul H. Kea, F.A.I.A.

Grace F. Kea

Convene to Closed Session (action)

TOPIC: Convening Closed Session

COMMITTEE: Committee on Advancement

DATE OF MEETING: February 18, 2026

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 Committee on Advancement 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: None.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: The Chancellor recommends that the BOR vote to reconvene in closed session.

COMMITTEE ACTION: DATE: 2.18.26

BOARD ACTION: DATE:

SUBMITTED BY: Timothy A. Minor, Vice Chancellor for Advancement, tminor@usmd.edu, 301-445-1941

STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSING A MEETING
OF THE USM BOARD OF REGENTS

Date: February 18, 2026

Time: 11:30 am

Location: The University System of Maryland

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) [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) [] 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.

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

[] Administrative Matters

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED: Consideration of (i) action item of two naming requests by two institutions to name a building after individuals and/or company.

REASON FOR CLOSING: To maintain confidentiality of personal information concerning individuals who are proposing to have a building named after them at an institution (§3-305(b)(1)(i) and (2)).
