

OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Committee on Advancement

Geoff Gonella, Chair
Yvette Lewis, Vice Chair
Charles T. McMillen

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Linda Gooden, *ex officio*

FROM: Timothy A. Minor, Vice Chancellor

DATE: April 1, 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 10:00 AM on April 1, 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: 884 697 495#.

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

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SESSION**10:00 AM**

Call to Order

Chair Gonella

1. [Convene to Closed Session \(action\)](#)

Chair Gonella

Convene to Closed Session (action)

TOPIC: Convening Closed Session

COMMITTEE: Committee on Advancement

DATE OF MEETING: April 1, 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:

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

COMMITTEE ACTION:

DATE: 4.1.26

BOARD ACTION:

DATE:

SUBMITTED BY: Timothy A. Minor, Vice Chancellor for Advancement (tminor@usmd.edu),
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STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSING A MEETING
OF THE USM BOARD OF REGENTS

Date: April 1, 2026

Time: 10:00 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) 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 one naming request by one institution 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)).
