

## OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of the Committee on Finance

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**FROM:** Ellen Herbst, Senior Vice Chancellor

**DATE:** April 29, 2026

**RE:** Meeting of the Committee via Video Conference

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The Committee on Finance of the USM Board of Regents will meet in public session via video conference at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6. Upon the conclusion of the brief public session, the Committee will convene in closed session.

The closed session will include the Capital Workshop, during which institutional leadership will join the Committee to discuss priorities and provide input on the development of the Capital Improvement Program and related capital planning matters.

All members of the Board are invited to attend the Capital Workshop.

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 and other participants prior to the meeting.

Public listen-only access is provided at 301-715-8592; Meeting ID: 984 6586 1531; Passcode: 073931

**cc:** Other Members, Board of Regents  
Office of the Attorney General  
Chancellor's Council  
Vice Presidents for Administration and Finance  
Office of Communications  
SVCAF Managers

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**AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SESSION**

Call to Order

Regent Fish

1. [Convening Closed Session](#) (action)

**TOPIC:** Convening Closed Session (information)

**COMMITTEE:** Finance

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** May 6, 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 Board of Regents Finance Committee 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 Board of Regents Committee on Finance vote to reconvene in closed session.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

DATE:

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BOARD ACTION:

DATE:

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SUBMITTED BY: Ellen Herbst (301) 445-1923

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STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSING A MEETING  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
OF THE USM BOARD OF REGENTS

Date: May 6, 2026  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Video Conference

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:

The submission of the proposed FY 2028 Capital Budget.

REASON FOR CLOSING:

To maintain the confidentiality (pursuant to executive privilege) of proposed capital budget prior to Governor's submission to legislature (§3-305(b)(13)).