



**USM Board of Regents  
Special Board Meeting via Conference Call  
Minutes from Closed Session  
January 30, 2019**

**Minutes of the Public Session**

Chair Gooden called the Special Board Meeting to order in open session at 3:02 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

Those in attendance: Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Dennis, Fish, Frazier, Holzapfel, Johnson, Neall, Pevenstein, Wallace, Wood; Chancellor Caret; AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill; Vice Chancellor Neal; Ms. Wilkerson.

1. **AGB Assessment of the Board of Regents.** Chair Gooden updated the Board on the progress of the Association of Governing Board's (AGB's) assessment of the Board of Regents.
2. **Reconvene in Closed Session.** The Regents voted unanimously to reconvene in closed session.

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1. **Coppin State University Transition.** Chancellor Caret and the Board discussed the presidential transition at Coppin State University. (§ 3-305(b)(1)).
2. **University of Maryland, College Park Transition.** Chancellor Caret and the Board discussed the presidential transition at University of Maryland, College Park. (§ 3-305(b)(1)).

**Minutes of the Public Session**

The Board reconvened in public session. Chair Gooden read the following statement:

I know many throughout Maryland – and those of you joining us today -- are interested in learning about the upcoming leadership transition at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Selecting the leader of any USM institution is among the Board of Regents' most important responsibilities. The search for the next leader of Maryland's flagship will be critically important to the future of that institution and the entire state.

As a board, we must take – and are determined to take – the time necessary to identify and select a bold and talented leader who can continue the upward trajectory of one of the nation's great public research universities. As many of you know, these types of searches at flagship campuses and major research institutions often take up to a year or more.

To that end, we are launching the process to select Dr. Loh's successor and naming current regent and UMCP alumnus Gary Attman to chair the presidential search committee.

Over the last three months, we have been speaking with Dr. Loh and listening to members of the campus community, and to leaders and stakeholders across the state about the upcoming leadership transition.

These discussions have informed our thinking about the path forward that will best ensure an orderly transition, continued strong leadership of the university without interruption, and a successful search process.

Dr. Loh is currently leading several initiatives critical to the university's future, including implementing reforms to the athletics program, hiring key student-facing leaders, and continuing the capital campaign.

To ensure these efforts continue to progress without interruption for the benefit of current and future students and faculty, the board and Dr. Loh have mutually agreed that it is in the university's best interests for him to continue leading the University of Maryland, College Park through June 2020 while the search for the new president proceeds.

Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.