



**USM Board of Regents  
Special Board Meeting  
Via Conference Call  
Minutes of the Public Session  
May 17, 2019**

**Minutes of the Public Session**

Chair Gooden called the public session of the Special Board Meeting at 8:32 a.m. Those in attendance included Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Bartenfelder, Frazier, Gourdine, Holzapfel, Johnson, Leggett, Neall, Pope, and Wood; Chancellor Caret; Vice Chancellors Herbst; Mr. McDonough, AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill; and Ms. Beckett, Mr. Weinhold, and Ms. Wilkerson.

**1. Chair's Remarks.** Chair Gooden began by sharing statements on the following two topics:

*Olivia Paregol*

Through a Washington Post article filed yesterday, many of us were reminded of the tragic passing of Olivia Paregol last November. Olivia was a first-year student at UMCP who was diagnosed with Adenovirus, among other serious health issues. Along with the entire Board of Regents, I remain deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Olivia.

Let me be clear, student safety is the first order of leadership and the highest priority at all of our campuses. President Loh continues to keep the board informed about the university's response to this tragedy and his continued work to maintain a primary focus on students and ensuring a safe, quality and affordable education.

*Chancellor's News*

As you may have heard by now, on Thursday, USM publicly announced Chancellor Caret's decision to step down from his position on June 30, 2020, and that he does not wish to be considered for a contract extension.

On behalf of the entire Board of Regents, I would like to express our overwhelming appreciation for Chancellor Caret's service. During his tenure, the University System of Maryland has built upon its role as an economic engine and economic catalyst for the state. Our achievements under his leadership include increased student enrollment, growing to award more than 80 percent of the bachelor's degrees in Maryland; increased diversity and inclusion; and access to affordable, high-quality education by maintaining tuition affordability. He has ensured USM continues to instill a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in its students, Maryland and its citizens.

Maryland's higher education landscape is in a much better place due to Chancellor Caret's innovative leadership, focus on growth and commitment to shaping young lives for tomorrow. He has made an indelible mark. Thank you, Chancellor Caret.

The Board of Regents will continue to support Chancellor Caret during his remaining tenure through June 2020. Over the next year, he will guide the search for hiring the Presidents at the University of Maryland College Park and Coppin State University. The Board of Regents will announce the details regarding a search for a new chancellor at a later date.

Again, thank you Chancellor Caret.

- 2. Reconvene to Closed Session.** Chair Gooden read the closing statement. Regent Pope moved to close the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Regent Johnson. The Regents voted unanimously to reconvene in closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.