



**BOARD OF REGENTS
COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**
Minutes from Open Session
October 30, 2020

Ms. Fish called the meeting of the Committee on Audit of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at approximately 10:03 a.m. This meeting was conducted via videoconference.

Regents in attendance included: Ms. Fish (Chair), Mr. Bartenfelder (phone), Ms. Gooden, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Pope, Mr. Wood, and Ms. Edwards (student regent – phone). Also present were: USM Staff – Chancellor Perman, Mr. Brown, Ms. Denson, Mr. Eismeier, Mr. Hayes (phone), Ms. Herbst, Mr. Lurie, Mr. Mosca, Mr. Page, Ms. White and Ms. Wilkerson; Office of the Attorney General -- Ms. Langrill; CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (USM’s Independent Auditor) – Ms. Bowman and Mr. Gauthier.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. FY 2020 Audit Committee Objectives (Information & Discussion)

The Committee reviewed its Annual Work Plan FY 2020.

2. Information & Discussion – Review of BOR Policies

The Committee reviewed its Charter and BOR Bylaws pertaining to the Audit Committee. Charter modifications included clarifying which committee members may request actions, clarifying what types of professionals may be retained by the committee, and incorporating the use of gender-neutral language. [Moved by Ms. Gooden, seconded by Mr. Pope, unanimously approved.]

3. Information & Discussion – FYE 2020 - System Wide Draft Financials, Balance Sheet & Statement of Changes (affiliated foundations are not included)

USM’s Controller presented FY 2020 draft financial statements. The financial statements reflect the preliminary financial position and the results of operations of the University System of Maryland for the year ended June 30, 2020 as prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The draft statements also provided a comparison of performance to the prior year’s results. The final audited financial statements for the University System of Maryland will be available in December.

4. Information & Discussion - Review Presidents, Chancellor and Board of Regents annual financial disclosure compliance with §12-104(p)

USM's Director of Internal Audit presented the results of his review of calendar year 2019 financial disclosure statements submitted by the University Presidents, the Chancellor, and the Board of Regents. This review was performed in accordance with Md. Education Code Ann. §12-104(p), the Board of Regents Bylaws, and the Board of Regents Committee on Audit's Charter. This review did not identify any disclosures that appeared inappropriate.

5. Completed Office of Legislative Audit Activity (Information & Discussion)

USM's Director of Internal Audit summarized the Office of Legislative Audits' reports on Towson University and Frostburg State University.

6. Information & Discussion – Follow Up of Action Items from Prior Meetings

USM's Director of Internal Audit provided a status update of action items from the June 3, 2020 audit committee meeting. Presentation materials also included earlier action items and their statuses.

7. Convene to Closed Session

Ms. Fish read aloud and referenced the Open Meetings Act Subtitle 5, §3-305(b) which permits public bodies to close their meetings to the public in special circumstances.
[Moved by Mr. Pope, seconded by Mr. Gossett; unanimously approved.]

The closed session commenced at approximately 11:15 a.m.



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The following agenda items were discussed:

1. The Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel of the University of Maryland, College Park provided an update on an investigation. (§3-305(b)(12)).
2. The Assistant Vice Chancellor for IT and Interim CIO of the University System of Maryland provided an update of USM’s IT Security Environment. (§3-305(b)(10)).
3. USM’s Director of Internal Audit presented an update of the Office of Legislative Audits’ activity currently in process. (§3-305(b)(13)).
4. USM’s Director of Internal Audit provided a status update of reported criminal allegations received by Internal Audit. (§3-305(b)(12)).
5. USM’s Director of Internal Audit provided an update of the Office of Internal Audit’s Audit Plan of Activity for Calendar Year 2020. (§3-103(a)(1)(i)).

Closed session adjourned at 12:30 p.m.