



**USM Board of Regents  
Special Board Meeting  
Minutes from Public Session  
March 30, 2020  
Conference Call**

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**Minutes of the Public Session**

Chair Gooden called the special meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order in public session at 5:03 p.m. on Monday March 30, 2020.

Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Bartenfelder, Fish, Gonella, Gossett, Holzapfel, Johnson, Leggett, Malhotra, Mears, Neall, Needham, Pope, Rauch, Schulz, and Wood; Chancellor Perman; Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, Hogan, McDonough, Perman, Raley; AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill; and Ms. Wilkerson.

- 1. Chancellor's Remarks.** Chancellor Perman opened the meeting by providing an update on the USM's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. Remote Learning Update.** Chancellor Perman updated the Regents on the progress of remote learning at the institutions, which began a week earlier. He noted that a few institutions paused the resumption of classes—up to one week—to allow faculty more time to prepare for the transition. He applauded faculty and support staff for maintaining continuity in learning.
- 3. Dorm Closures/Student Progress on Move Out.** The Regents were briefed on the status of dorm closures and student progress on moving out of the dorms. Chancellor Perman reported that campuses were in different phases of moveouts. Given the Governor's stay-at-home order, he is asking the campuses to suspend move outs. When move-outs resume, the process will continue with appropriate safety precautions such as social distancing.
- 4. International Students.** The Regents received an update on the status of international students on the campuses. As borders closed around the world, the USM has been able to bring back almost all study abroad students. Some opted to remain in their host countries. Across the System, there are fewer than 300 international students remaining in campus housing.
- 5. Commencement Plans.** The Regents received updates on plans for spring commencement. In-person commencement ceremonies are not an option under current restrictions and universities are considering their options and consulting with student government associations and other groups.

- 6. Student Nursing and Other Emergency Support Plans for the Pandemic.** The Chancellor spoke of the state's efforts to supplement medical professionals with student nurses and other students in the medical professions. He reported that UMB is examining how the USM might facilitate the participation of our health professions students in the state's Maryland Medical Reserve Corps.
- 7. Federal Legislation.** The Regents discussed federal legislation related to COVID-19 and the impact it may have on the USM.
- 8. Strategic Plan Advisory Group.** Chair Gooden announced a new strategic plan advisory group, which will use lessons learned from not only the COVID-19 pandemic, but the great recession, as well, to capture best practices and develop a roadmap for the USM's *new normal* this fall. In addition to Chair Gooden and Vice Chair Gossett, the Regents who will serve on this advisory group are: Regents Attman, Fish, Gonella, Mears, Neall, Wallace, and the Student Regent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.