



**USM Board of Regents
Special Board Meeting
Minutes from Public Session
August 26, 2020
Zoom**

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 3:05 p.m. on Wednesday August 26, 2020.

Those in attendance for all or part of the meeting included Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Bartenfelder, Fish, Gonella, Gossett, Gourdine, Holzapfel, Johnson, Leggett, Malhotra, Mears, Neall, Pope, Rauch, Sansom, and Wood; Presidents Anderson, Breaux, Goodwin, Hrabowski, Jarrell (Interim), Jenkins, Miyares, Nowaczyk, Pines, Schatzel, Schmoke, and Wight; Chancellor Perman; Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, McDonough, Raley, and Sadowski; AAG Bainbridge and Langrill; and Ms. Wilkerson.

Chair Gooden opened the meeting by highlighting two critical issues – social justice and the ongoing pandemic. She noted that this summer has been like no other having to navigate these crucial issues. She extended her appreciation for everyone on the campuses for keeping them operating and being flexible in a time of such uncertainty.

- 1. Chancellor's Updates.** Chancellor Perman started his remarks by noting that this week is pivotal for the USM – four universities have begun their fall semester and several more have started the move-in process. He showed a video that highlighted move-in at Bowie State University and thanked President Breaux for her safe and thoughtful approach.

He shared that President Schatzel made the decision to move Towson University online for the semester after receiving results from a recent campus COVID testing event. He noted that the baseline testing process had worked.

Chancellor Perman reiterated that campuses are following USM guidance to conduct baseline testing and that they must work closely with local health officials. He noted that campuses will not be COVID-free and conditions can change quickly. Institutions should be ready to pivot, when needed. The USM and its campuses aim to accomplish their missions and serve their students while keeping everyone safe.

- 2. Toward Racial Equity and Justice: Building our USM Community Update.** At the July 22nd Board meeting, the Board endorsed a framework to assess equity and structural racism in the USM. The framework outlines three areas of inquiry: equity and climate, education and research, and service mission. Several USM presidents shared information about their campus' marquee programs related to social justice, race, or structural racism

in the areas of education, research, and service. The presidents who did not share information at this meeting will share at the September 18th Board meeting.

- 3. Convene to Closed Session.** Chair Gooden read the “convene to close” statement citing the topics for the closed session and the relevant statutory authority for closing the meeting under 3-305(b) and 3-103(a)(1)(i). (Moved by Regent Pope seconded by Regent Attman; unanimously approved.)

The meeting reconvened in closed session at 4:31 p.m.