



**BOARD OF REGENTS
COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**
Minutes from Open Session
March 26, 2021

Ms. Fish called the meeting of the Committee on Audit of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. This meeting was conducted via teleconference.

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

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Information & Discussion – USM’s Half Year (12/31/2020) Financial Statements & Financial Comparison Analysis to Peer Institutions

USM’s Comptroller presented the unaudited University System of Maryland interim financial statements for the six-month period ended December 31, 2020, the year ended June 30, 2020 and the six-month period ended December 31, 2019. She also presented a comparison of key financial ratios for peer universities and university systems with Aa1 rating from Moody’s Investor Services.

2. Information & Discussion – Annual Affiliated Foundation Compliance Report

USM’s Comptroller presented an update on the policy compliance status of affiliated foundations.

3. Information & Discussion – Affiliated Foundation Policy Update

USM’s Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance presented a status update of progress made to revise the Board of Regents’ policy on affiliated foundations.

4. Information – Office of Legislative Audit Activity – Published Audit Reports

Since the December 14, 2020 audit committee meeting, the Office of Legislative Audits has not published any reports of USM institutions.

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

USM Director of Internal Audit provided a status update of action items from prior audit committee meetings.

6. 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 Ms. Godden; unanimously approved.]

The closed session convened at approximately 11:37 a.m.



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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 Ms. Gooden; unanimously approved.] The closed session commenced at approximately 11:37 a.m. This meeting was conducted via teleconference.

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The following agenda items were discussed:

1. 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)).
2. USM’s Director of Internal Audit provided a status update of reported criminal allegations received by Internal Audit. (§3-305(b)(12)).
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 an update of the Office of Internal Audit’s Plan of Activity for Calendar Year 2021. (§3-103(a)(1)(i)).
5. The Committee members met separately with the Independent Auditors and the Director of Internal Audit. (§3-103(a)(1)(i)).

Closed session adjourned at 12:18 p.m.