



**USM Board of Regents
Special Board Meeting
Minutes from Public Session
April 23, 2021
Via 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, via Zoom, at 8:05 a.m. on Friday April 23, 2021.

Those in attendance included Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Bartenfelder, Edwards, Gill, Gonella, Gourdine, Johnson, Neall, Pope, Sansom, and Wood; Presidents Anderson, Breaux, Fowler, Goodwin, Hrabowski, Jarrell, Jenkins, Pines, Nowaczyk, Schatzel, Schmoke, and Wight; Chancellor Perman; Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, Hogan, McDonough, Raley, and Sadowski; Ms. Mulqueen, Ms. Wilkerson; and AAG Bainbridge.

Chair Gooden opened the meeting by congratulating President Pines on his investiture.

She noted at the April 16, 2021 Board of Regents meeting, the Board delegated authority to the Chancellor to make decisions regarding vaccine protocols for the fall semester. A vote is not needed, but she said that she will take a sense of the Board after hearing from the Chancellor

I. Follow-Up on Vaccine Protocols for Fall

Chancellor Perman discussed the risks and benefits of the Covid-19 vaccination. He noted that the risk of doing too little to keep campuses safe is far greater than the risk of doing too much.

Chancellor Perman stated that all eligible faculty, staff, and students who will be on our campuses in the fall will be required to be vaccinated against Covid-19. The USM will follow all state and federal laws in granting medical and religious exemptions.

The Board of Regents expressed support for the Chancellor's decision.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.