



**USM Board of Regents
Special Board Meeting
Minutes from Public Session
August 22, 2022
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 4:02 p.m. on Monday August 22, 2022

Those in attendance included Chair Gooden; Regents Attman, Bartenfelder, Breslin, Fish, Gonella, Gourdine, Helal, Hur, McDonald, Neuberger, Oberg, Oludayo, Peters, Pope, Rauch, Smarick, Wallace, and Wood; Chancellor Perman; Vice Chancellors Boughman, Herbst, Hogan, and McDonough; AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill; and Ms. Wilkerson.

- 1. Fall Update.** Chancellor Perman provided an update on the Fall semester. He noted that, though Covid is not over, this semester should be close to our pre-pandemic normal. He said that though the USM does not have a vaccine mandate anymore, each institution is making their own decision regarding vaccination requirements. Likewise, each school is making its own decisions regarding testing, masking, and large gatherings. Chancellor Perman also made note of the new CDC quarantine and isolation guidelines. He remarked that the System has had a strong response to Covid because everyone has worked together. He then provided an update on monkeypox, including that the USM is applying lessons learned from Covid.
- 2. Amendment to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents.** The Regents approved the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents. The proposed revisions in Article IX include: A provision that allows Regents to participate in the Annual Meeting or a regular Board meeting by telephone or video conferencing due illness, disability or extenuating personal circumstances and with the prior written approval of the Chair. (Moved by Regent Pope, seconded by Regent Breslin; unanimously approved).
- 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 Rauch; seconded by Regent Gourdine; unanimously approved.)

The meeting reconvened in closed session at 4:22 p.m.