



University System of Maryland Board of Regents
University of Maryland, Baltimore
December 15, 2023, Public Minutes

Call to Order. Chair Linda Gooden called the meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:33 a.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023, at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Those in attendance were: Chair Gooden; Regents Anderson, Atticks, Breslin, Fish, Gonella, Gourdine, Hasan, Helal, Hur, Leggett, McMillen, Neuberger, Parker, Pope, Rauch, Sibel, Smarick, and Wood; Presidents Anderson, Breaux, Interim President Dennison, Provost Blakely for Fowler, Ginsberg, Jarrell, Jenkins, Lepre, Vice President Delia for Nowaczyk, Pines, Schmoke, and Sheares Ashby; Chancellor Perman; Vice Chancellors Herbst, Lawrence, Masucci, Raley, and Wrynn; Ms. Mulqueen, Ms. Wilkerson, and AAGs Bainbridge and Langrill.

Chair Gooden welcomed everyone to the final board meeting of the calendar year. She noted that Chancellor Perman will highlight accolades and accomplishments from the year in his report.

She continued by highlighting the campus safety summit that USM held in partnership with MHEC on December 4th. The event was the start of a larger conversation of how higher education across the state can come together to keep students safe.

Welcome from University of Maryland, Baltimore. President Bruce Jarrell welcomed everyone to the University of Maryland, Baltimore. He spoke about UMB's graduate programs and how the institution connects with its surrounding community and the medical center. He showed a video showcasing some of the important work UMB is doing.

Educational Forum: Governor Wes Moore. Chair Gooden introduced Maryland Governor Wes Moore. Governor Moore's remarks focused on his goals and vision for Maryland and for higher education in the state. He spoke about how integral the Student Regents are to the Board and to the state. He expanded on his focus on service, including a story about UBalt's Second Chance Program. He talked about the importance of partnership to help elevate individuals and create pathways. Governor Moore stressed that his administration is a partner in higher education and he believes in the USM mission.

Campus Safety Vignette. Chief Leone provided a brief safety vignette, focusing on addressing crime on and around campus. He discussed how students need to feel safe on campus to be successful.

Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Perman presented his report. He started by thanking Governor Moore for coming to the meeting. He welcomed Susan Lawrence, the new Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, and said goodbye to Tim McDonough, who started a new position with NACUBO.

Chancellor Perman then highlighted some accomplishments at our universities and higher education centers. He ended his remarks by thanking everyone for their work over the past year and stressed the continued importance of higher education in providing light in darkness.

I. Council Reports

- a. Council of University System Presidents (CUSP). President Breaux presented the report stating that CUSP met once since the last meeting, on December 4th. The meeting included an information briefing from AAG Bainbridge on Title VI and a discussion about the environment on the campuses. After the meeting, the Presidents and Chancellor's Council joined higher education leaders from across the state for the Campus Safety Summit.
 - b. University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC). Ms. Gambhir presented the USMSC report. There was a general meeting at Towson where the council interviewed seven Student Regent candidates and forwarded four finalists to Chancellor Perman. The council also discussed graduate student housing and welcomed the Director of Communications and Marketing. Additionally, the USMSC reviewed the applicants for the USM Student Forum.
 - c. Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). Dr. Haverback presented the report. A general body meeting was held on December 13th. The council heard about Maryland's AGEP PROMISE Academy Alliance and were joined by Susan Lawrence and Andy Clark from the USM Office of Government Relations. The Bylaws were officially amended to address meeting and voting procedures. Dr. Haverback also spoke about the Joint Councils' meeting held on November 15th and gave updates on the standing committees.
 - d. Council of University System Staff (CUSS). Dr. Patricio presented the report. The Joint Councils' meeting was held November 15th and was the first in-person one since 2019. The next CUSS meeting will be held December 12th and the council will be joined by Ellen Herbst, USM Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, and Eli Modlin, SU Chief of Staff/VP of Public Affairs & Strategic Initiatives. CUSS continues to make progress on its goals, especially regarding duplicative fees for staff utilizing tuition remission benefits and ombuds access.
2. Public Comment. Chair Gooden opened the meeting for public comment. There were no requests for public comment.
 3. Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was presented to the regents by Chair Gooden. She asked if there were any items on the agenda that should be removed for further discussion.

Regent Helal requested that “Proposed Policy Revisions to Establish: III-5.10 – Policy Concerning the Scheduling of Academic Assignments on Dates of Religious Observance; Campus Space for Faith-Based or Religious Practices (action)” be removed from the consent agenda for separate review. Chair Gooden moved and Regent Fish seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda with the removal of that item. The consent agenda was approved. The items included were:

- a. Committee of the Whole
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from November 10, 2023, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - ii. Approval of meeting minutes from December 6, 2023, Special Board of Regents Meeting (action)

- b. Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from November 30, 2023, Public Session (action)
 - ii. Renewing Committee Charge (action)

- c. Committee on Education Policy and Student Life
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from November 29, 2023, Public Session (action)
 - ii. Proposed Amendments: EPSL Committee Name Change and Related Revisions to Committee Charge and Role and Responsibilities (action)
 - iii. Proposed Amendments: III-6.00 – Policy on Academic Transcripts (action)
 - iv. Academic Program Proposals (action)
 1. University of Maryland, College Park: Bachelor of Science in Global Health
 2. University of Maryland, College Park: Master of Science in Data Science
 3. University of Maryland, College Park: Master of Science in Applied Machine Learning
 4. University of Maryland, College Park: Master of Science in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
 5. University of Maryland Eastern Shore: Bachelor of Science in Gaming and Software Engineering
 6. University of Maryland Eastern Shore: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
 - v. Update: Maryland Center for Computing Education (information)
 - vi. Report on Extramural Funding – FY 2023 (information)

- d. Committee on Finance
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from November 30, 2023, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - ii. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Howard Hall Mechanical Infrastructure Upgrades (action)
 - iii. Bowie State University: Robinson Hall Renovation (action)

- iv. University of Maryland Global Campus: Proposed Amendment to USM VIII-2.01—Policy on Tuition (action)
 - v. University of Maryland, College Park: Xfinity Center Videoboard, Hoist and Audio System Replacement Project (action)
 - vi. Towson University: New Affiliation Agreement with Towson Place Properties (action)
 - vii. Discussion on Project Contingency Amounts (information)
 - viii. University System of Maryland: Report on FY 2023 Procurement Contracts (information)
- e. Committee of the Whole
 - i. Revisions to USM Board of Regents Bylaws (action)
4. Review of Items Removed from Consent Agenda
- a. Committee on Education Policy and Student Life
 - i. Proposed Policy Revisions to Establish: III-5.10 – Policy Concerning the Scheduling of Academic Assignments on Dates of Religious Observance; Campus Space for Faith-Based or Religious Practices. Regent Helal requested a line be added to the policy: “If a student’s request for a specific accommodation is denied, the institution should consider alternate accommodations that the student may request consistent with institutional policy and procedures.” Chair Gooden moved and Regent Pope seconded approval of the policy, with the additional line added. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. Committee Reports
- a. Committee on Education Policy and Student Life.
 - i. Update: Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation. Regent Gourdine introduced Dr. Nancy O’Neill, Acting Director, Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation, to provide an update on the Kirwan Center.
 - b. Committee on Economic Development and Technology Commercialization
 - ii. Update on University of Maryland-Institute for Health Computing. Regent Leggett introduced President Jarrell, who provided a brief summary of the University of Maryland Institute for Health Computing, which is an MPower initiative. Drs. Sujal Bista, UMB. and Bradley Maron, UMB, presented an update on the initiative and its impact on the state.
6. Reconvene to Closed Session Reconvene 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 Breslin, seconded by Regent Sibel; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.