



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
of MARYLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS
COMMITTEE ON Research and Economic Development

May 6th, 2025

Meeting via Video and Conference Call

Minutes of the Public Session

Regent Wood called the meeting of the Research and Economic Development Committee of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order in public session at 10:30 a.m. on May 6th via Zoom.

Those in attendance included William Wood, John Paul Sawyer, Michele Masucci, Anne Khademian, Lindsay Ryan, Julia Chadwick, Aileen Abel, Linda Gooden, Anwer Hasan, Moses Kairo, Jennifer Walsh, Elena Langrill, Jay Perman, Gail Bassette, Sidd Kaza, Amir Ansari, Michael Ravenscroft, Alison Wrynn, Michael Sandler, Ellen Herbst, Harry Coker Jr., Christopher O'Donnell

1. **Approval of Minutes** The Regents reviewed and the meeting minutes from the March 20th meeting of the Board of Regents Committee on Research and Economic Development, but the committee did not have a quorum. Regent Wood moved to hear the minutes as the next full board meeting in June

(Regent Wood moved recommendation, seconded by Regent Gooden; approved)

Vote Count = Yeas: 3 Nays: # 0 Abstentions: # 0

2. **Federal Research Landscape Update** Vice Chancellor Masucci presented an update on the current federal research landscape to the committee. Vice Chancellor Masucci went over every change that has happened on the federal level concerning research and research administration since January 2025. She also announced plans for an in-person meeting of all USM Research VPRs to brainstorm ways to support strengths and shore up weaknesses on a system-level. All meeting materials are available to the public on the USM website.
3. **Research Report for University of Maryland Eastern Shore.** Dean for the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Dr. Moses Kairo presented a detailed research report on UMES to the Research and Economic Development Committee. He presented past and ongoing UMES research initiatives in agriculture, human health, environmental science, natural resource management, and sustainable food production. All meeting materials are publicly available on the USM website.
4. **Mid-Atlantic Quantum Alliance.** Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Quantum Alliance, Dr. John Sawyer gave a presentation on the growing Quantum ecosystem in Maryland to the Research and Economic Development Committee. The Mid-Atlantic Quantum Alliance is a hub for quantum technology research, development and education that is facilitated by the

University of Maryland College Park and has partnerships and support for numerous universities across the Mid-Atlantic Region. In his presentation, Dr. Sawyer both described what quantum computing is, and its importance to the state of Maryland's specifically. He also highlighted educational programs spearheaded by the alliance, a recent \$1B investment in Quantum by the state of Maryland, and the expansion of quantum computing markets to Maryland and the nearby region. All meeting materials are publicly available on the USM website.

The public meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Regent Bill Wood
Chair, Committee on Research and Economic
Development