



BOARD OF REGENTS
University of Maryland Global Campus
October 31, 2025

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SESSION

8:30 A.M.

Call to Order

Chair Gooden

Chair Linda Gooden called the public meeting of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025, at the University of Maryland Global Campus. Those in attendance were: Chair Gooden; Regents Blount, Coker, Fish, Gonella, Hur, Leggett, Lewis, McMillen, Mirani, Rivera-Forbes, Smarick, Speaks, Stebbins, Wood; Former Regents Attman, Gossett, and Shea; Chancellor Perman; Presidents Anderson, Breaux, Fowler, Ginsberg, Jarrell, Jenkins, Lepre, Miralles-Wilhelm, Pines, Sheares Ashby, and Smith; Provost Mueller and Dr. Pomietto; Senior Vice Chancellors Herbst and Wrynn; Vice Chancellors Lawrence, Masucci, Sandler; Ms. Mulqueen, Ms. Perry, and AAGs Bainbridge and Boyle.

Chair Gooden welcomed the Board to UMGC and thanked President Fowler for the institution's hospitality. Chair Gooden offered reflections on the annual Board of Regents Retreat, which took place earlier in the month. The retreat focused on resilience and innovation as responses to contemporary disruption, which higher education and most industries are facing. She noted that several themes emerged across panels and discussions, including how the power of systemness can enhance resilience. She concluded by thanking retreat participants.

Public Comment: Chair Gooden opened the period for public comment. Four public comments were provided. Patrick Moran, President, AFSCME Council 3, Todd Holden, President AFSCME Local 1072 (UMCP-UMGC), and Jontae Thomas, AFSCME Local 1297 (BSU) spoke on collective bargaining. Daniel Greene, UMCP Associate Professor and Vice President of the local Chapter of AAUP, spoke on the Forty-Seventh Bond Resolution—Auxiliary Facility and Tuition Revenue Bonds.

Educational Forum: *The Big Ten and the USM: A Three-Part Discussion.* Regent Geoff Gonella introduced the topic. The Education Forum began with a panel, which included Former Regents Gary Attman and Barry Gossett, and Former Chair Jim Shea. The panel discussion focused on the history and context surrounding the decision for the University of Maryland, College Park, to join the Big Ten Conference in 2014, providing a background understanding of how and why this partnership took shape, and how those early decisions continue to inform our position today. The second part of the forum focused on governance structures and legal considerations that have shaped the relationship between the University of Maryland, the Big Ten Conference, and the University System of Maryland. That conversation was led by Assistant Attorney General Allison Boyle. The third and final part of the forum overviewed considerations, strategic benefits, and long-term value that the Big Ten affiliation represents for the University of Maryland and the broader USM community. President Pines and College Park Athletic Director Jim Smith guided

this conversation. The Regents contributed questions and remarks throughout the forum. In response to a question posed by Regent McMillen, Chair Gooden announced that she will charge a workgroup to broadly examine board policies, chaired by Regent Stebbins.

Welcome from the University of Maryland Global Campus: President Fowler extended a warm welcome to everyone at the University of Maryland Global Campus. President Fowler detailed savings from employer-supported learners and learners leveraging military rank for credit. President Fowler shared record-breaking numbers on enrolled and graduated students. He reviewed several institutional initiatives that support accessibility, workforce needs, and international learning.

Chancellor's Report: Chancellor Perman began by highlighting recent national rankings achieved by USM institutions. Chancellor Perman noted other measures of excellence, such as enrollment increases, successful initiatives and partnerships, and milestone years celebrated. He discussed investing in new programs at our universities to grow opportunities for our students and serve the community. The written report is available at [[LINK-Page 24](#)].

I. Report of Councils

Council of University System Faculty: Dr. King-White summarized the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) activities their last submission in September. The Tri-Council meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2025 at UMCP. The council will set aside the final hour for CUSF committee work. The next CUSF General Body Meeting will be held in person at Coppin State University December 10, 2025. The written report is available at [[LINK-Page 32](#)].

Council of University System Staff: Roy Prouty presented the report. Dr. Kalia Patricio, the previous CUSS Chair, wrote to the Governor's Office to improve relations between the state and the nearly 13,000 non-bargained system staff. Following this, Dr. Patricio and Mr. Prouty met with then-Secretary Helene Grady and policy advisors on September 17 to discuss better advocacy methods. Meeting most recently on October 14, CUSS has identified ideas for future action. The written report is available at [[LINK-Page 38](#)].

Council of University System Presidents: President Breaux presented the report. The Council of University System Presidents has not convened since the last board meeting at Salisbury University last month. The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2025. Although CUSP has not convened, the presidents continue to meet regularly regarding federal actions that may have implications for the University System of Maryland. The written report is available at [[LINK-Page 44](#)].

University System of Maryland Student Council: Mr. Vasquez-Reyes presented the report. The USMSC met for the first time on October 5th, 2025. The council adopted a new structure for council meetings, dividing them between our Graduate Council and Undergraduate Council meetings. The GSA representatives participated in a discussion where they shared their challenges. Common topics included: VISA conflicts, international student support, and research funding cuts. The undergraduate council also had a meaningful discussion about the challenges they are experiencing. Common themes discussed included international student support, affordable housing, transparency concerns, and parking. The majority of

institutions' SGAs and GSAs are seeing increased engagement and more assembly members. [\[LINK-Page 45\]](#).

2. **Consent Agenda**

Chair Gooden

The Consent Agenda was presented to the Regents by Chair Gooden.

(Moved by Regent Gooden; seconded by Regent Fish; unanimously approved). The items included were:

- a. Committee of the Whole
 - i. Approval of meeting minutes from September 19, 2025, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
 - ii. Approval of meeting minutes from Special Meetings, October 17, 2025, Public and Closed Sessions (action)
- b. Committee on Audit
 - i. Review of BOR Charge Policies (action)
 - ii. FY 2026 Audit Committee Workplan (information)
 - iii. Completed Office of Legislative Audit Activity (information)
 - iv. Open Action Items from Prior Meetings (information)
- c. Committee on Education Policy & Student Life
 - i. Program Proposals (action)
 - 1. University of Maryland, College Park: M.S. in Marketing
 - 2. University of Maryland, College Park: D.I.S. in Information Science Leadership and Community Engagement
 - ii. Campus Safety Panel (information)
 - iii. Notification of Awards: Wilson H. Elkins Professorships, FY26 and USM Scholarships, AY 2025-2026 (Information)
- d. Committee on Finance
 - i. University System of Maryland: Amendment to the Forty-Seventh Bond Resolution—Auxiliary Facility and Tuition Revenue Bonds (action)
 - ii. Salisbury University: Increase in Authorization for Commons Building Kitchen HVAC Replacement (action)
 - iii. Towson University: Central Utility Plant Fire Restoration (action)
 - iv. University System of Maryland: Report on FY 2025 Procurement Contracts (information)
- e. Committee on Governance & Compensation
 - i. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 3, 2025, Public and Closed Sessions (information)
- f. Committee on Research & Economic Development
 - i. Approval of Meeting Minutes (action)
 - ii. Sustainability Strategic Plan and Research (information)
 - iii. Climate Innovation Alliance (information)
 - iv. Venture Development and Innovation Collaborative Updates (information)
 - v. Momentum Fund Update (information)

- vi. Research Update and Future Committee Priorities (information)
- vii. Approval of Committee Charge (action)

3. Committee Reports

a. Committee on Finance

- i. Enrollment Update and FY 2026 Estimated FTE Report (information) Regent Fish
Regent Fish introduced the report. Associate Vice Chancellor Chad Muntz presented the information. This annual report provides a preliminary update about the fall undergraduate, graduate, and first-professional student enrollment for the University System and each institution.

b. Committee of the Whole

- i. Prison Education Initiative Update (information) Regent Wood
Regent Wood introduced the report. Regent Wood provided an update on prison education activities since his last update to the Board in June 2024.
- ii. Resolution of Appreciation for UMB Police & Public Safety (action) Chair Gooden
Chair Gooden introduced the item. The Board took action to approve a resolution recognizing the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Police and Public Safety. (Moved by Chair Gooden, seconded by Regent Hur; unanimously approved.)
- iii. Reaffirmation of the Board of Regents' Position against Illegal Discrimination (action) Chair Gooden
Chair Gooden introduced the item. The Board took action to reaffirm its position against illegal discrimination. (Moved by Regent Gonella, seconded by Regent Hur; unanimously approved.)

4. Reconvene to Closed Session (action)

Chair Gooden

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 Fish, seconded by Regent Gonella; unanimously approved.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.