

Public Session Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Regent Linda Gilliam, Regent Elijah Cummings (6:25p), Regent Larry Ellis, Regent Tracey Parker-Warren (6:26p), Regent Penelope Taylor, Regent Marquis Walker

STAFF MEMBERS

Present: Dr. David Wilson, President; Dr. Kevin Banks, VP for Student Affairs; Mr. Sidney Evans, VP for Finance and Management; Mr. Thomas Faulk, Principal Counsel for Morgan State University, Office of the Attorney General; Ms. Julie Goodwin, General Counsel; Mrs. Armada Grant, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Cassandra Grogan, Executive Administrator to the Board of Regents; Ms. Sherita Harrison, Associate General Counsel; Ms. Sally Swann, Interim Director of Diversity & EEO; Dr. Lesia Young; Provost and SVP for Academic Affairs

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents held a special meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2019 via teleconference. Committee Chair Linda Gilliam called the Public Session to order at 6:04 p.m., and thanked everyone present for their participation. She provided brief comments with regard to the purpose of the meeting, and then yielded the floor to President Wilson for brief remarks.

President Wilson thanked members of the Committee for making time for this special meeting. He indicated that the policy being presented will bring the University into compliance with state law (Senate Bill 607), which was introduced in the Legislature in 2018 by then-Senator Joan Carter Conway. The legislation was passed and basically requires universities to ensure that their sexual misconduct policies include language enabling students, who bring forth allegations or respond to allegations of sexual violence or sexual misconduct, to have access to attorneys that will be provided and paid for by MHEC through a special appropriation. Dr. Wilson added that the policy is to be effective August 1, 2019. Pending approval by the Committee, he plans to draft a letter to the General Assembly advising that action by the full Board is expected to occur on August 6th, thereby bringing Morgan into full compliance.

Regent Gilliam stated that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee would now move to Closed Session to consult with counsel to discuss required changes to the University's Gender and Sexual-Based Harassment and Violence Policy which is a matter specifically exempted from public consideration under § 3-305(b)(7) of the Open Meetings Act. The Committee may reconvene in Public Session at the conclusion of the Closed Session, if necessary. After reading the closed session citation into the record, it was **MOVED** by Regent Ellis and **SECONDED** by Regent Taylor to enter into **CLOSED SESSION**.

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 6:09 p.m.

Approval of Policy (in Closed Session)

Regent Gilliam called for a motion to approve the Gender and Sexual-Based Harassment and Violence Policy. It was **MOVED** by Regent Taylor and **SECONDED** by Regent Walker to approve the Gender and Sexual-Based Harassment and Violence Policy. Regent Parker-Warren abstained. The **MOTION CARRIED**.

**MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
CITATION OF AUTHORITY FOR CLOSING A MEETING
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT
BOARD OF REGENTS ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Date: Thursday, July 25, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Teleconference

Motion to close meeting made by: Regent Ellis

Seconded by: Regent Taylor

Members voting in favor: All Regents in attendance

Opposed: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE THIS MEETING CAN BE FOUND AT (check all that apply):

General Provisions Article, § 3-305 (b)(7):

___ (1) (i) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;

___ (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;

___ (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;

___ (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;

___ (5) To consider the investment of public funds;

____ (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;

(7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;

____ (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

____ (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

____ (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;

____ (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;

____ (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;

____ (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;

____ (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

General Provisions Article, § 3-103 (a):

____ (1) To carry out an administrative function;

____ (2) To carry out a judicial function;

____ (3) To carry out a quasi-judicial function.

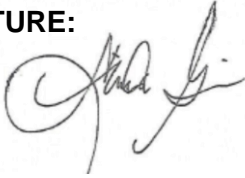
FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. To discuss required changes to the University's Gender and Sexual-Based Harassment and Violence Policy.

THE BOARD MAY RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY TO TAKE ANY FINAL AND BINDING ACTION.

This statement is made by Linda J. Gilliam
Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

SIGNATURE:



***** FOR USE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: *****

TOPICS DISCUSSED AND ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY):