

Public Session Minutes

The meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kweisi Mfume at 12:15 p.m.

Present: Hon. Kweisi Mfume, Chairman, Regent; General (Ret.) Larry Ellis, Vice Chair, Regent; Hon. Tracey Parker-Warren, Secretary, Regent; Ms. Swati Agrawal, Regent; Ms. Paityn Brooks, Student Regent; Dr. Harold Carter, Regent; Dr. Linda Gilliam, Regent; Dr. Shirley Malcom, Regent; Mr. Brian Pieninck, Regent; Mr. William Sherman, Regent; Ms. Shelonda Stokes, Regent; Mr. Carl Turnipseed, Regent; Mr. Winston Wilkinson, Regent; Dr. David Wilson, University President; Mr. Thomas Faulk, Principal Counsel for Morgan State University, Office of the Attorney General

ABSENT: Dr. Burney Hollis, Regent; Ms. Emily Hunter, Regent

Minutes

The Chairman opened the floor for a motion to adopt the minutes of November 7, 2023. It was MOVED by Regent Carter and SECONDED by Regent Turnipseed. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the Regents, university administration, and members of the public in attendance. The Chairman offered an overview of the agenda and stated that following the Public Session, the Board would convene in Closed Session to address the matters identified as such on the agenda.

Chairman Mfume thanked Regents for taking part in several recent events since the last Board meeting to include: Founders Day Convocation, 39th Annual Homecoming Gala, Christmas Choir Concert/Regents' Reception, Fall Commencement, and the 39th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast. He highlighted a few upcoming events to include: the McGraw/UPenn webinar led by Dr. Wilson, operating and capital budget hearings in Annapolis, Honors Convocation, and the annual Board Retreat. The Chairman congratulated Regent Stokes for being selected as a 2023 Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award Recipient. He also reminded Regents to complete their financial disclosure statement by the April 30th deadline. Before yielding the floor to Dr. Wilson to share his report, he announced the appointment of Regents Carter, Hollis and Sherman to the Evaluation Committee, chaired by Regent Gilliam.

Report of the President

Dr. Wilson provided a report to the Board covering some major developments that occurred at the University since the last meeting in November 2022. Those highlights include: (a) New Leadership – Dean of the Earl G. Graves School of Business and Management; (b) McGraw Prize dinner; (c) Founder Day Convocation; (d) Thanksgiving dinner in Thurgood Dining Hall; (e) Homecoming for the holidays – Coronation Ball, McGraw Prize Reception, Homecoming Gala, and Christmas Choir Concert/Regents' Reception; (f) Winter Commencement; (g) Spring Faculty Institute; (h) active shooter tabletop exercise; (i) campus construction; (j) meeting with Mayor of San Francisco; (k) reflections from this quarter; and (l) Morgan choir sings the national anthem.

The Chairman opened the floor for a motion to adopt the President's Report. It was MOVED by Regent Malcom and SECONDED by Regent Gilliam. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Report of the Executive Committee

The Chairman provided an update from the February 8, 2024 Executive Committee meeting. He stated that the meeting was informational in nature and there were no items for action.

Report of the Standing Committees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Regent Gilliam highlighted the information items to include: (i) Academic Affairs – adding online modality for existing programs (topic to be revisited), policy revisions – (appointment, promotion and tenure (APT), department chair, and faculty teaching load guideline and related policies), the Center for Urban and Coastal Climate Science Research, new degree program approvals (Ph.D. in Integrated Materials Science and M.S. in Biomedical Science), grants and contracts awarded to the School of Community Health and Policy, and Dean Barton selected as the 2024 American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Edwin F. Church Medal recipient; (ii) Enrollment Management – comparisons among public four-year institutions in Maryland, low rate of confirmations and acceptance (directly linked to the glitch in the new FAFSA application), plans to hire a recruitment officer for veterans, and grants received by the division totaling approximately \$3.5 million; (iii) Student Affairs – housing capacity (5,231 beds for fall 2024 eliminating the need to lease space off campus), counseling services usage, and the Food Resource Center swipe out hunger initiative with SodexoMagic; (iv) SGA – general updates, accomplishments (AIDS Lock-In with over 1,000 participants), proposals (bylaw revisions), and student fees; and (v) Athletics – new hires (academic advisor and compliance staff member), the academic scorecard for fall 2023 (department GPA of 3.0), youth education day outreach program, wrestling debut, and the acrobatics and tumbling program.

She stated that the Committee also received an update on recruitment efforts for the Morgan Completes You (MCY) Program to include plans for using media outlets (initially focusing on print information) to build up brand awareness before shifting to more expensive marketing tools. Dr. Westrick noted observations from Regent Ellis (huge untapped military population) and Regent Agrawal (exploring opportunities such as NPR radio, which could be offered at a reduced or no fee while simultaneously providing an increased national presence).

Finance and Facilities Committee

Regent Malcom stated that the Committee received updates from Facilities, Design and Construction Management (things coming online and funding shortfall areas); Research and Economic Development (received the highest amount of money for research last year and on track to exceed that amount this year); Institutional Advancement (philanthropic efforts and media relations); Enrollment Management (previously summarized); and Finance and Administration (we are above where we should be for revenue and below where we should be for expenses).

She stated that the Committee has one action item.

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and MSU** – Regent Malcom proudly reported that this item received unanimous approval at the Committee, and it is now being recommended for consideration and subsequent adoption by the full Board.

Chairman Mfume commended all those persons on and off campus who work so hard. It was noted that this has been a three-year endeavor, which has finally brought us to this point. He extended congratulations to all of them, the team at AFSCME for working in good faith, and the internal bargaining team who worked diligently to move this along.

Chairman Mfume opened the floor for a motion to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding Between AFSCME and MSU. It was MOVED by Regent Wilkinson and SECONDED by Regent Ellis. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee

Regent Ellis stated that there were no items for action. In Closed Session, the Committee received updates from Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Audit. He noted that the Committee is recommending consideration by the Chairman to add ERM to the agenda for the meeting in June. Chairman Mfume asked Mrs. Grogan to make a note of the request in preparation for developing the meeting agenda.

New Business

There were no new business items brought forward for the Board's consideration.

Adjournment of the Public Session

Chairman Mfume announced that the Board of Regents would convene in Closed Session to consider items specifically exempted from public consideration under § 3-305(b)(2)(7)(8)(10) of the Open Meetings Act. In Closed Session, the Board of Regents will consider Honorary Degree Candidate Recommendations, and receive updates on Security, the Maryland College of Osteopathic Medicine, EEO, and Litigation. The Board may reconvene in Public Session at the conclusion of the Closed Session, if necessary.

After reading the citation into the record, the Chairman opened the floor for a motion to adjourn the PUBLIC SESSION to move into CLOSED SESSION. It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Parker-Warren to adjourn the PUBLIC SESSION. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

The PUBLIC SESSION adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Honorary Degree Candidate Recommendations (Closed Session)

Chairman Mfume opened the floor for a motion to approve honorary degree candidate one. It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Malcom. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Chairman Mfume opened the floor for a motion to approve honorary degree candidate two. It was MOVED by Regent Parker-Warren and SECONDED by Regent Turnipseed. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
CITATION OF AUTHORITY FOR CLOSING A MEETING
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 Time: 12:00 p.m. Location: Richardson Library
Conference Room

Motion to close meeting made by: Regent Gilliam

Seconded by: Regent Parker-Warren

Members voting in favor: All Regents in attendance

Opposed:

Abstaining:

Absent: Regents Hollis and Hunter

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

General Provisions Article, § 3-305 (b)(2)(7)(8)(10):

(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;

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

X (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;

X (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.

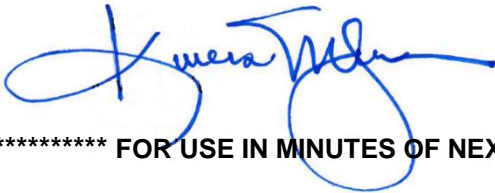
FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. To consider an Honorary Degree Candidate Recommendations.
2. To receive an update on Security.
3. To receive an update on the Maryland College of Osteopathic Medicine.
4. To receive an EEO Report.
5. To receive an update on Litigation.

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 Kweisi Mfume
Chairman of the Board of Regents

SIGNATURE:



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

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