

Public Session Minutes

The special meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kweisi Mfume at 7:03 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. Burney Hollis, 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: Ms. Emily Hunter, Regent

Minutes

The Chairman opened the floor for a motion to adopt the minutes of February 13, 2024. It was MOVED by Regent Turnipseed and SECONDED by Regent Carter. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Remarks by the Chairman

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking Regents, Dr. Wilson, the legal team, 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. He then yielded the floor to Regent Malcom and Dr. Wilson to discuss the Altus Lease.

Altus Block Lease Agreement

Regent Malcom began by thanking members of the Finance and Facilities Committee for their willingness to meet to consider the lease expeditiously. The Committee met this morning at 10 a.m. and reviewed some of the major features, which is an aspect of our overall need to address housing for a large number of students. There were some questions that were raised by Regent Turnipseed, which were sent ahead of time and there were appropriate and adequate responses given. She noted that we already have an existing agreement with Altus, and this is to provide additional beds. The lease is for two years with options that will allow us to accommodate students if our pattern of enrollment and need for housing is maintained over time.

Dr. Wilson commented that the University will not be renewing the lease with Lord Baltimore Hotel, which led us to acquire additional beds along with the increase in enrollment.

Chairman Mfume opened the floor for a motion to approve the Altus Block Lease Agreement. It was MOVED by Regent Malcom and SECONDED by Pieninck. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Session Adjournment

The Chairman announced that the Board would convene in Closed Session to receive updates on the Maryland College of Osteopathic Medicine and a Personnel Matter and to consider an Honorary Degree Candidate Recommendation, which are specifically exempted from public consideration under § 3-305(b)(1)(2)(7) of the Open Meetings Act. The Board may reconvene in Public Session at the conclusion of the Closed Session, if necessary.

After reading the citation into the record, Chairman Mfume 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 Malcom to adjourn the Public Session. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

The Public Session adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Honorary Degree Candidate Recommendation (Closed Session)

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

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

Date: Monday, April 8, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Motion to close meeting made by: Regent Gilliam

Seconded by: Regent Malcom

Members voting in favor: All Regents in attendance

Opposed:

Abstaining:

Absent: Regent Hunter

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

General Provisions Article, § 3-305 (b)(1)(2)(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;

X (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.

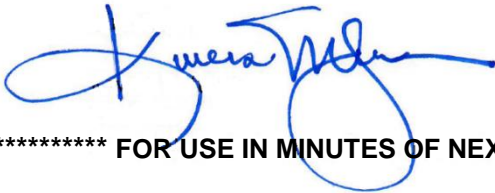
FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. To receive an update on the Maryland College of Osteopathic Medicine.
2. To receive an update on a Personnel Matter.
3. To consider an Honorary Degree Candidate Recommendation.

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):