

**Morgan State University  
Board of Regents Meeting  
August 5, 2014  
Public Session I**

The meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kweisi Mfume at 12:30 p.m.

**Present**

Hon. Kweisi Mfume, Chairman  
Rev. Dr. Frances M. Draper, Vice Chair  
Eleanor M. Carey, Esq., Regent  
Hon. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Regent  
Mr. Franklin L. Edmonds, Regent  
General (Ret.) Larry R. Ellis, Regent  
Mr. Dallas R. Evans, Regent  
Dr. Linda J. Gilliam, Regent  
Dr. Charles W. Griffin, Regent  
Hon. Laurence Levitan, Regent  
Dr. Shirley M. Malcom, Regent  
Mr. Martin R. Resnick, Regent  
Mrs. Penelope J. Taylor, Regent  
Ms. Latichia Perine, Student Regent

Dr. David Wilson, University President  
Mr. Thomas Faulk, Principal Counsel for MSU, Office of the Attorney General

**Absent**

Dr. Tyrone D. Taborn

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**Opening Remarks**

Chairman Mfume stated that the first item before the Board is the adoption of the minutes of February 4, 2014, March 24, 2014, May 6, 2014 and June 5-6, 2014 meetings. He stated that it was brought to the attention of the Board at the May meeting that the University was slow in the completion of minutes and the posting of notices of several committee meetings over the last two quarters. The Chair stated that he has previously mentioned his desire to give more not less notice of all such meetings so as to go beyond simply just being on time but being more than compliant where possible. Members of the Board should be aware that the Chairman has spoken extensively to Dr. Wilson regarding this over the last several weeks since the Retreat. The General Counsel and the Assistant Attorney General have been very helpful regarding this matter and a process to correct the issue has been agreed upon and is in place.

Chairman Mfume thanked Morgan Alumnus Eric White for calling this matter to our collective attention and expressed appreciation for the suggestions and guidance offered by the Open Meetings Compliance Board. The Chair also noted the work of General Counsel Goodwin and Assistant Attorney General Thomas Faulk.

It was MOVED by Regent Cummings and SECONDED by Regent Gilliam to approve the minutes for February 4, 2014, March 24, 2014, May 6, 2014, and June 5-6, 2014. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Mfume recognized and welcomed Ms. Sara Baker, Legislative Analyst for the Maryland State Legislature and Mr. Jordan Butler from the Department of Budget and Management.

Chairman Mfume also recognized two new members of the Board of Regents: Ms. Letichia Perine and Mrs. Eleanor Carey. Ms. Perine is a senior majoring in Political Science here at the University. She is a member of the National Council for Negro Women, Dancers of Praise, the Political Science Association and the Financial Management Association. In addition, she served as an intern with the United States Public Interest Research Group and

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was Ms. Political Science during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Ms. Perine is no stranger to the Board having attended the last two public meetings as a non-member at the invitation of our previous Student Regent, Mr. Glenn George. The Chairman stated that the Board welcomes her deep concern of student issues and looks forward to her full and active participation as a Regent over the upcoming academic year.

Student Regent Perine reiterated that she is a senior with a major in Political Science at the University. She stated that it is an honor to serve on the Board of Regents. Student Regent Perine thanked the Board, faculty, and staff for the warm welcome.

Eleanor Carey, Esquire is a partner in the Synergies Consulting Group which provides leadership and management expertise to public and private clients seeking to strengthen their organizations and advocacy. She served as President of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board from 1998-2003, Senior Counselor to the Governor from 1996-1998, and as Deputy Attorney General of Maryland from 1979-1987. Mrs. Carey has been a litigator in private practice, run for statewide elective office, conducted major public investigations of financial and educational institutions, and honed her communication skills as an on-air legal reporter. She is currently President of the Baltimore Efficiency and Economy Foundation and a member of the Baltimore City Homeless Services Commission's Resource Allocation Workgroup.

For the past seven years, she has served on the Governor's Pre-K-20 Commission, which is dedicated to expanding the number of high school and college graduates fully prepared for the global economy and community. Mrs. Carey was inducted into the Circle of Excellence of Maryland's Top 100 Women in 2002 and is a 2001 Graduate of Leadership Maryland. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Wellesley College and a Juris Doctor degree with honors from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Regent Carey thanked Chairman Mfume and members of the Board of Regents. She stated that it is an honor to be associated with Morgan State University. As the former President of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, Regent Carey stated that she came in contact with a number of employers who are saying that they would like to hire more people in Maryland but find too often that they have to look outside of Maryland to find people with

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the skills they need, particularly in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields. She stated she knows that Morgan is capable of providing graduates with just those kinds of skills. Regent Carey stated that the Governor's Pre-K-20 Commission, like this Board, has many challenges. Higher education is facing decreasing budgets, decreasing enrollment in some places, challenges from on-line institutions and other disruptive forces. She stated that she knows that Morgan has the brain power and creative energy to figure out some of those problems. Regent Carey mentioned her experiences with some of the members of the Board of Regents and admires those members greatly. She noted her work with members of the faculty, and some of the students, as well as Kim McCalla, along with faculty and staff in renovating of the Bethel AME Outreach Center. The project came in on time and on budget. Regent Carey, Ms. McCalla, Mr. Saleem, and Mr. Tenabe have been working on the Lillie C. Jackson Museum.

Regent Carey talked about her opportunity to see Morgan's presentations at the Legislative luncheon in Annapolis. She was shocked at her lack of knowledge regarding all the excellent work that is being done at Morgan. People really do not know what is here, what is being done and the quality of research at Morgan State University. Morgan has an opportunity to tell its story and attract many more students. Morgan is a great place and has an opportunity to be greater. She stated she is happy to be able to help.

Chairman Mfume welcomed Regent Taborn in his new capacity as Secretary of the Board for the 2014-2015 academic year and similarly the Board welcomes Regent Draper in her new capacity as Vice Chair of the Board. He continued and announced the reappointment of Regent Frank Edmonds as Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, Regent Linda Gilliam as Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and Regent Elijah Cummings as the Chair of the Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee. Similarly, all current members of each of the three standing committees are hereby reappointed en bloc with the additional appointment of Regent Carey to the Finance and Facilities Committee and the appointment of Regent Perine to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Chairman Mfume assigned the matter of the disposition of the University property (also known as the Presidential Residence) and any related matters to the Committee on Finance and Facilities for recommendations back to the full Board as a committee of the whole. Because of her early work on this matter, the Chair requests that Regent Gilliam serve as an ad hoc member through the duration of the committee's consideration of this matter.

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Chairman Mfume requested that the Finance and Facilities Committee present a summary report back to the Board by the November meeting.

Chairman Mfume advised the Board members of the following dates for Board meetings over the next twelve months:

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| ▪ Monday, November 3, 2014          | Board of Regents Meeting     |
| ▪ Tuesday, February 3, 2015         | Board of Regents Meeting     |
| ▪ Tuesday, May 5, 2015              | Board of Regents Meeting     |
| ▪ Thursday-Friday, June 18-19, 2015 | Board Retreat                |
| ▪ Friday, December 19, 2014         | Fall Commencement Exercise   |
| ▪ Saturday, May 16, 2015            | Spring Commencement Exercise |
| ▪ Thursday, September 11, 2014      | Matriculation Convocation    |
| ▪ Thursday, November 13, 2014       | Founders Day Convocation     |
| ▪ Thursday, April 2, 2015           | Honors Day Convocation       |

Chairman Mfume stated that following the conclusion of any and all new business he will entertain a motion, pursuant to State Government Article 10-503 (a) (1), to adjourn into Closed Session to receive advice of counsel and to receive and consider updated information on the following matters:

- GESTAR Program
- Office of Legislative Audits findings and recommendations
- Pending Maryland Public Information Acts
- Preliminary findings and summary of the University's Gender Equity Study
- The HBCU Coalition Lawsuit
- Title IX matters

Chairman Mfume thanked members of the Board who have participated in a number of extra-curricular University activities over the last quarter with students, faculty, deans, staff, and the President. A particular appreciation to Regents Taylor, Draper, Resnick, Malcom and Ellis. The Chairman stated that Board participation, outside of the generous time members give to these quarterly meetings, is always welcomed and greatly appreciated.

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Chairman Mfume stated that he wanted to revisit the discussion of Board giving and reminded the Board that it continues to be the Board's annual intention to have a 100 percent giving rate. He thanked all of the members of the Board who have already contributed and thank the members of the Board for their service.

**Report of the President**

President Wilson stated that he has attended almost 16 access orientation programs. The programs are held on Sunday afternoons in the months of July and August. President Wilson stated that Chairman Mfume has been at every one of those programs, as very promising students are welcomed to the University. The President thanked Chairman Mfume for attending those programs. President Wilson welcomed back Regent Griffin and stated that Regent Griffin has not been able to join the Board and administration for a couple of meetings because of some personal issues. Dr. Wilson continued and reported on the following: (attached)

- Enrollment
- Institutional Advancement
- Young African Leaders Initiative
- Construction Update
- Research Grants and Contracts
- Data Jam
- Morgan/Fulbright Scholars: A Continuing Story
- China
- Update on Searches
- Are You Ready for Some Football?

Chairman Mfume advised members of the Board that, as they are aware, the Executive Committee of the Foundation Board for which Regent Taborn is the Regents' representative and the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents had expressed some desire to have an informal interaction, and the issue has been scheduling. The Chair thanked Ms. Hitchcock and Regent Taborn for continuing to put that before the Board. In the absence of a formal meeting, the Chair stated that he had an opportunity to interact with the Vice Chair and members of the Foundation Board. There was some informal discussion at a reception hosted by President Wilson.

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The Chairman commended Ms. Kim McCalla and her team and stated that she has done an excellent job with managing the construction, listening to the community, and with making this Board prepared with the information needed.

The Chairman thanked Regent Cummings and the members of the Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee for holding a number of very extensive meetings throughout the last couple of months.

Regent Cummings thanked the President for his efforts regarding the China pursuits. He stated that President Wilson's efforts have opened the doors for Morgan students and students from other HBCUs who have worked closely with the Congressional Black Caucus. Regent Cummings also praised President Wilson for his national leadership on helping make changes in the Parent PLUS Loan regulations.

It was MOVED by Regent Cummings and SECONDED by Regent Taylor to approve the report of the President. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

**Reports of Standing Committee**

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Regent Gilliam presented two items for approval by the full Board in Public Session and one, Honorary Degree Candidates for the Closed Session. The items for approval in Public Session are as follows (attached):

- **Academic and Student Affairs Committee Minutes for May 6, 2014**  
It was MOVED by Regent Edmonds and SECONDED by Regent Cummings to approve the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Minutes for May 6, 2014. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.
- **Revision of Section III of the Honorary Degree Policy**  
It was MOVED by Regent Taylor and SECONDED by Regent Edmonds to approve the Revision of Section III of the Honorary Degree Policy. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

### **Finance and Facilities Committee**

Regent Edmonds, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, presented the report of the Committee. He offered items for approval by the full Board in Public and Closed Sessions. The items for approval are as follows:

- **Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget General Fund Request**

It was MOVED by Regent Edmonds and SECONDED by Regent Cummings to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget General Fund Request. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

- **FY 2016 Capital Budget Request**

It was MOVED by Regent Edmonds and SECONDED by Regent Taylor to approve the FY 2016 Capital Budget Request. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

### **Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee**

Regent Cummings stated that there are no items for action by the Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee.

The Chairman directed the President to immediately move to post on the University website the Board minutes that have been approved today.

President Wilson announced that a reception has been scheduled for Dr. Gregory Thornton, the new CEO of Baltimore City Schools on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the Lewis Museum.

### **Presentation and Recognition of Mr. Martin R. Resnick**

Regent Levitan MOVED that the Board give an honorary title and recognize the years of service of Mr. Martin R. Resnick by awarding him Vice Chair Emeritus. Mr. Resnick began his years of service on the Morgan State University Board of Regent in 1983. It was SECONDED by Regent Draper. THE MOTION CARRIED with Regent Evans voting present.

Regent Resnick stated that he has been honored on many occasions before, but this recognition is one of his fondest. He stated that he accepts this award as an honor and a privilege. Mr. Resnick stated that the University means a lot to him and thanked the members of the Board for their support.



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Regent Levitan read into the record the Resolution that the Board presented to Regent Resnick and it reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Martin R. Resnick, who has devoted a lifetime to business and to philanthropy and humanitarian deeds in promoting education and equality, was appointed to the Board of Regents of Morgan State University in 1983 by Governor Harry R. Hughes; and

WHEREAS, Regent Martin R. Resnick, since that time, has been reappointed Morgan Regent for five additional terms by four Governors of Maryland—The Honorable William Donald Schaefer, The Honorable Parris N. Glendenning, The Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., and The Honorable Martin J. O'Malley—and has served on the MSU Board of Regents for the past thirty-one years, longer than any other member of the University's Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished tenure on the Board, Regent Martin R. Resnick has been a devoted, visionary and supportive Regent, advocating strongly and effectively for the institution and contributing significantly to its financial support—including the establishment of the Esther and Louis Resnick Endowed Scholarship Fund in 1992, continuous contributions to the Regents Scholarship Fund, leadership of the Regents Development Committee and donation of a \$250,000 life insurance policy to the University's "New Horizons: The Campaign for Morgan State University"; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Regent Martin R. Resnick, in recognition of his stellar performance as Regent, was elected Vice Chairman of the MSU Board of Regents and, since that time, has continued his outstanding devotion to the work of the Board. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Morgan State University Board of Regents salute Regent Martin R. Resnick, the longest-serving Regent in the institution's history, for the quality and character of his commitment to the Board and its governance of Morgan State University for the past thirty-one years and for his outstanding leadership as Vice Chairman of the Board. Be it further

RESOLVED, that, on this day, the Board of Regents appoint Regent Martin R. Resnick Vice Chairman *Emeritus* of the Board of Regents of Morgan State University.

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Done by Order of the Board of Regents of Morgan State University on this Fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Chairman Mfume thanked Regent Resnick and addressed the early years the two served on the Board. Those were difficult days the Board faced. The Chairman stated he cannot think of anyone who could have served in the capacity of Vice Chair better than Regent Resnick. This recognition is an honor the Board wanted to give to Regent Resnick. The Board hopes that when the students go back through the archives and the records of the University, they will recognize the name of Martin Resnick as one who came at a tough time, did great work, and served their alma mater well.

Chairman Mfume read into the record the following to move into Closed Session: The Board will reconvene in Closed Session to consider items specifically exempted from public consideration under Section 10-508 (a) (7) (8) and (9) of the Open Meetings Act. In Closed Session the Board will discuss

- Collective Bargaining Agreement between the FOP and Morgan State University,
  - Honorary Degree Candidates,
  - The Office of Legislative Audit,
  - GESTAR Program,
  - Coalition Lawsuit,
  - Gender Equity Study,
  - Pending Public Information Act Request, and
  - Title IX Update
- The Board will also consider all Closed Session minutes from various committees.

The Board may reconvene in Public Session at the conclusion of the Closed Session if necessary.

It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Levitan to go into Closed Session. THE MOTION CARRIED. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

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**Public Session II**

The Board reconvened in Public Session and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newson

\*The Chairman is not counted for the purposes of, or the tally of the vote. The Chairman will only cast a vote in the event of a tie of the Board.