

Public Session Minutes

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

Present: General (Ret.) Larry Ellis, Vice Chair, Regent; Hon. Tracey Parker-Warren, Secretary, Regent (via teleconference); Rev. Dr. Harold Carter, Jr., Regent; Dr. Linda Gilliam, Regent; Dr. Shirley Malcom, Regent; Mr. Wayne Resnick, Regent; Ms. Shelonda Stokes, Regent; Mr. Jeffon Stubbs, Student Regent; Mrs. Penelope Taylor, Regent; Dr. Marquis Walker, Regent (via teleconference); Mr. Winston Wilkinson, Regent; Dr. David Wilson, University President; Mr. Thomas Faulk, Principal Counsel for Morgan State University, Office of the Attorney General

Absent: Mr. Kweisi Mfume, Chairman, Regent; Rev. Dr. Frances Draper, Regent

Vice Chairman's Remarks

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the Regents and members of the public. He extended happy New Year wishes to all, as this was the first meeting of the Board of Regents in 2020. He also recognized guests in attendance from the proposed new College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Vice Chairman Ellis stated that Chairman Mfume would not be joining us today. As many of you know, he is running to fill the seat now vacant after the passing of former Regent Elijah Cummings. There is a special election today in Maryland's 7th Congressional District and he is out running as a candidate.

The Vice Chairman thanked members of the Board for participating in several events since the last Board meeting in November 2019, to include Winter Commencement, the annual Christmas Concert and Holiday Reception, and the MLK Scholarship Breakfast sponsored by the Howard Cornish Metropolitan Baltimore Chapter of the MSU Alumni Association.

Vice Chairman Ellis reminded members of the Board that financial disclosure forms were required by law by April 30th. He encouraged everyone to comply, but noted that individuals should follow up if they have not already done so.

Approval of Minutes

The Vice Chairman called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 5, 2019 Board meeting. It was **MOVED** by Regent Gilliam and **SECONDED** by Regents Malcom and Stokes to approve the minutes of November 5, 2019. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Report of the President

The President began by thanking Morgan's Magnificent Marching Machine for representing the University extraordinarily well by participating in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. He noted that the Winter Commencement Ceremony was another wonderful highlight for the University, particularly since we bestowed our 800th doctoral degree.

The President stated that the Legislative Session opened on January 8, 2020, and will be in session for 90 days. Thus far, there have been two higher education overviews, one in the Senate and one in the House. He noted that he was unable to attend the overview in the Senate due to travel; however, Mr.

Evans and Dr. Turner stood in for him. All in all our comments were well received. Next up are our operating and capital budget hearings. The dates for those hearings are February 6th (Operating Budget – House), February 7th (Operating Budget – Senate), February 25th (Capital Budget – Senate) and February 26th (Capital House – House). We have four major priorities going into the session: (1) to get the Legislature to approve a modification to the State statute that would enable Morgan’s Police Department to expand its policing jurisdiction; (2) restore the million dollar allocation that was placed in our budget three years ago to enable us to build a tech transfer office (the Governor has recommended defunding it); (3) maintain the \$5 million pledge in the budget to enable us to move forward with the planning of a multi-use Convocation Center on the Lake Clifton High School site; and (4) maintain the additional appropriation in our operating budget that the Governor has proposed which is nearly \$14 million – the largest single year increase in our history.

Dr. Wilson stated that over the last two months, he has sent various emails to the campus informing the university community of our coming to the end of our current ten-year Strategic Plan, 2011-2021, “Growing the Future, Leading the World,” and outlining the process we will embrace in updating that Plan to guide us over the next 10 years. He then summarized a brief presentation entitled Leaning Toward 2031: Positioning Morgan for the Next 10 Years, which outlined the process for developing the next strategic plan. He noted that we are setting our sights on reaching R1 status by 2031, with the expectation of 2-3 professors being inducted into the National Academies, in addition to initiating a New School of Professional and Continuing Studies and exploring a presence in Africa.

The President stated that he accompanied the Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, Boyd Rutherford, on a special trade mission to Israel from January 28th through February 2nd. The focus of the trade mission was cybersecurity. There were eight to 10 cyber executives from the state on the mission and two higher education representatives, Morgan and UMBC. It was a very successful mission. He noted that he was able to secure up to 30 scholarships for Morgan students to study abroad during the summer at Hebrew University, and open the door for Morgan to engage in dialogue next week with the head of the NSA cybersecurity directorate regarding opportunities to start GENCyber camps in Baltimore City for high school students.

Dr. Wilson reminded members of the Board about Morgan’s 10th Annual Innovation Day to be held on Tuesday, February 11th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the President’s Conference Room of the Miller Senate Building in Annapolis.

The Vice Chairman called for a motion to approve the President’s Report. It was MOVED by Regent Malcom and SECONDED by Regent Gilliam. The President’s Report was APPROVED unanimously.

Report of the Executive Committee

The Vice Chairman provided an update from the January 30, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. He stated that the meeting was informational in nature and added that updates on the agenda items would be offered in the Closed Session of the meeting today.

Report of the Standing Committees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Regent Gilliam stated that there are three items for action. The first is the Policy of the Award of Honorary Degree. She asked Provost Young to provide a brief summary. Regent Gilliam stated that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends approval. It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Stokes that the Policy of the Award of Honorary Degree be approved. THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Regent Gilliam stated that the second item is the MS Degree in Advanced Computing, and asked Provost Young to provide a brief summary. Regent Gilliam stated that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends approval. It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent

Malcom that the MS Degree in Advanced Computing be approved. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Regent Gilliam stated that the last item is the Offering of Three Degree Programs in Ghana, and asked Provost Young to provide a brief overview. Regent Gilliam noted that there was a lot of discussion with regard to concerns related to faculty and the appropriate number of students in the programs, which resulted in a few changes to the action item language. She stated that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends approval to offer a pilot program in Ghana to offer three academic degree programs – MBA, MS in Global Multimedia Journalism & Communications, and BS in Entrepreneurship – starting in the fall of 2020 with the requirement that the programs have at least the number of students necessary for the University to break-even. It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Stokes that the Offering of Three Degree Programs in Ghana be approved. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Regent Gilliam stated that the other items were informational as reflected in the Committee section of the Board book. She added that this concluded her report.

Finance and Facilities Committee

Vice Chairman Ellis called for the report from the Finance and Facilities Committee. Regent Malcom stated that there were no action items. However, there were a number of information items and she highlighted a few to include a presentation on deferred maintenance by Ms. McCalla outlining the various campus-wide projects in progress using three different pots of money – operating budget (internal), deferred maintenance (HBCU capital financing loan), and deferred maintenance (supported by the state). Regent Malcom added that the number of deferred maintenance and construction projects is significant, noting that it is important to keep energy cost in mind as we bring new buildings online even in light of efficiencies put in place.

Regent Malcom stated that the Committee also received tuition and fees increase recommendations for consideration with a proposed 2% increase and a proposed 3% tuition buy down. The matter will come before the Committee at the next Board meeting for action. She noted that the University understands the challenges faced by our students, and we will strive to keep costs as low as possible.

Regent Malcom commended Dr. Turner and her team for their work in keeping our enrollment numbers up. She stated that this concluded her report.

Audit and Institutional Assessment Committee

Chairman Ellis stated that the Committee had no action items. In closed session, the Audit Committee discussed the Audit Charter and proposed amendments to the Board of Regents By-Laws, and received an update from Internal Audit.

New Business

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

The Vice Chairman announced that the Board of Regents would now prepare to reconvene in Closed Session to consider items specifically exempted from public consideration under § 3-305(b)(1)(4)(7)(8)(14) of the Open Meetings Act. In Closed Session, the Board of Regents will consult with counsel to receive an EEO Report and Litigation Update, an update on the Food Service RFP, and an update on the proposed new College of Osteopathic Medicine. The Board may reconvene in Public Session at the conclusion of the Closed Session, if necessary.

After reading the citation into the record, the Vice Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the PUBLIC SESSION to move into CLOSED SESSION. It was MOVED by Regent Gilliam and SECONDED by Regent Stokes to adjourn the PUBLIC SESSION. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The PUBLIC SESSION adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

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

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Boardroom
Earl S. Richardson Library
Morgan State University
1700 E. Cold Spring Lane
Baltimore, MD 21251

Motion to close meeting made by: Regent Gilliam

Seconded by: Regent Stokes

Members voting in favor: All Regents in attendance

Opposed:

Abstaining:

Absent: Regent Draper, Regent Mfume

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

General Provisions Article, § 3-305 (b)(1)(4)(7)(8)(14):

(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.

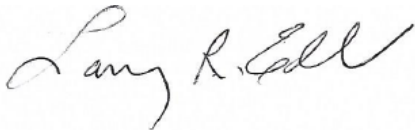
FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. To receive an EEO Report and Litigation Update.
2. To receive an update on Food Service RFP.
3. To receive an update on the proposed new College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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 Larry R. Ellis
Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents

SIGNATURE:



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

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