

Public Session Minutes

The special meeting of the Morgan State University Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Kweisi Mfume at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Hon. Kweisi Mfume, Chair, Regent; General (Ret.) Larry Ellis, Vice Chair, Regent; Mr. Carl Turnipseed, Secretary, Regent; Ms. Swati Agrawal, Regent; Rev. Dr. Harold Carter, Regent; Dr. Linda Gilliam, Regent; Dr. Shirley Malcom, Regent; Hon. Tracey Parker-Warren, Regent (9:58a); Mr. Jared Patterson, Student Regent; Mr. Brian Pieninck, Regent; Mr. William Sherman, Regent; Ms. Shelonda Stokes, Regent; Mr. Winston Wilkinson, Regent

Staff: Dr. David Wilson, President; Mr. Thomas Faulk, Principal Counsel for Morgan State University, Office of the Attorney General; Mrs. Cassandra Grogan, Executive Administrator to the Board of Regents

Remarks by the Chair

Chair Mfume opened the meeting by welcoming Regents, President Wilson, alumni, members of the public and working press in attendance. He also offered an overview of the agenda and stated that following the Public Session, the Board would convene in Closed Session to address matters identified as such on the agenda.

Chair Mfume recognized Regents Patterson, Wilkinson and Parker-Warren (joined during the closed portion), adding that this is their last official Board meeting. He yielded the floor to them for brief remarks and opened the floor to members of the Board for comments and observations.

Regent Patterson thanked the Board for their support over the last year. He stated that it has been a transformative experience, and he has learned a lot. He apologized to the Board for his actions during last month's undergraduate commencement ceremony. After taking time to reflect on things and speaking with Dr. Wilson, he realized that he did not set the standard for fellow students who will follow behind him. He added that this year has been awesome, and he is truly appreciative and grateful for the opportunity.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Mfume accepted Regent Patterson's heartfelt apology. President Wilson and Board members (Regents Malcom, Turnipseed, Gilliam, Agrawal, Wilkinson and Pieninck) extended personal words of encouragement and wished him well in his future endeavors. Chair Mfume suggested that Regent Patterson consider attending next year's commencement ceremony to address the graduating class and/or offer words of advice to various student-led organizations, noting that it would bring value that other Board members may not be able to offer to that gathering.

Chair Mfume recognized Regent Wilkinson for his outstanding service to the Board over the past 10 years and presented him with an award on behalf of the Board of Regents. He then opened the floor to members of the Board for comments and observations.

Regent Wilkinson extended thanks to everyone present. He stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on the MSU Board of Regents and to witness the tremendous growth of the institution over the years under the leadership of Dr. Wilson as we move forward and remain focused on reaching R-1 status despite the current turmoil around the world and in higher education. It has been a pleasure getting to know each Regent and to establish friendships. He is thankful and blessed to have been able to share many great moments with everyone.

President Wilson thanked Regent Wilkinson for his unselfish service to his alma mater, Morgan State University, for the greater part of a decade. He noted that his appointment to the Board, in large part, enabled us to establish a strong relationship with former Governor Hogan and Lieutenant Governor Rutherford, which led us to put together the final touches for the redevelopment of the Northwood Shopping Center. He extended best wishes to him, his wife (Gloria) and family.

Regent Malcom thanked Regent Wilkinson for all he did in support of the Board and the Finance and Facilities Committee in particular. She noted that he will be missed and extended best wishes to him and his wife.

Regent Agrawal commented that she will miss the warmth that Regent Wilkinson brought to the Board, which is always needed on governing boards. She added that he served as a role model for her.

Regent Gilliam stated that it was a pleasure getting to know Regent Wilkinson. She enjoyed his sense of humor. She added that he was a quiet storm. He did not have much to say but when he said something, it meant something.

Regent Turnipseed echoed all that was said. He thanked Regent Wilkinson for all that he has done – seen and unseen – to move the institution forward. It was always a welcoming moment whenever he saw Regent Wilkinson at a Morgan event (whether formal or informal). He added that Regent Wilkinson welcomed him when he joined the Board, and he enjoyed reminiscing about their days as Morgan students to include basketball.

Regent Ellis commended Regent Wilkinson for his service to the Board. He stated that we could always count on him (along with Gloria) to represent the Board at various functions be it near or far.

Minutes

Chair Mfume opened the floor for a motion to adopt the minutes of May 6, 2025. It was MOVED by Regent Turnipseed and SECONDED by Regent Pieninck. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Adjournment of the Public Session

Chair Mfume announced that the Board of Regents would convene in Closed Session to consider items specifically exempted from public consideration under General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. In Closed Session, the Board will receive the Evaluation Committee Report. The Board may reconvene in Public Session at the conclusion of the Closed Session, if necessary.

After reading the citation into the record, Chair Mfume opened the floor for a motion to adjourn the Public Session to move into Closed Session. It was MOVED by Regent Malcom and SECONDED by Regent Turnipseed to adjourn the Public Session. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

The Public Session adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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

Date: Saturday, June 21, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual

Motion to close meeting made by: Regent Malcom

Seconded by: Regent Turnipseed

Members voting in favor: All Regents in attendance

Opposed:

Abstaining:

Absent:

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

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

 X (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.
- ____ (15) To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information, including information that is: 1. Related to passwords, personal identification numbers, access codes, encryption, or other components of the security system of a governmental entity; 2. Collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental entity to prevent, detect, or investigate criminal activity; or 3. Related to an assessment, made by or for a governmental entity or maintained by a governmental entity, of the vulnerability of a network to criminal activity; or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

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 the Evaluation Committee Report.

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):