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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021; 9:00 a.m.**

**Remote Meeting**

**Pursuant to the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the  
Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020**

**Trustees Present:** Chairman Manning; Vice Chair Peters; Trustees Bates, Bhandari, Burns, Dyer, Houle, Karam, Kelleher, Kunda, O'Brien, Okwara Paris Jeffries, Peyser, Ramos Gagliardi, Scheibel, Tolman and Woolridge

**Trustees Absent:** Trustees Epstein, Lewis, Osterhaus-Houle and Wu

**University Administration:** President Meehan; General Counsel Leone; Chancellors Subbaswamy, Suárez-Orozco, Fuller, Moloney and Collins

**Faculty Representatives:** Professor O'Rielly, UMass Dartmouth

Chairman Manning convened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. and thanked everyone for making themselves available to attend the special Board meeting. He then stated that the Governor of Massachusetts issued an executive order on March 12, 2020, that was effective immediately. Under the Emergency Order, All members of the Board may participate by remote virtual means, without affording public access to the physical meeting locations, as long as we engage, as we are today, with adequate and alternative means of access available.

Chief Information Officer Milligan then provided instructions for the Zoom meeting.

**Chair's Remarks**

Chairman Manning noted the gift to the Medical School from the Chan family and acknowledged Chancellor Collins. He stated that it was a wonderful day for the Medical School. The gift is a well deserving gift that will help transform the Medical School for generations.

Chairman Manning announced the meeting's agenda: presentations on several renamings acknowledging gifts to the University, including the renaming of the Medical School.

**President's Remarks**

President Meehan stated that it was a day of celebration and recognition of two incredible gifts that mark a historic and transformational moment for the University of Massachusetts. The gifts will benefit UMass students for generations. He reported that the first gift, a \$50 million gift from Chairman Manning and Donna Manning will improve access and opportunity to the five UMass campuses. He noted that Donna Manning's 35-year career as an oncology nurse at the Boston Medical Center inspired the decision to award the first portion of the gift, \$15 million, to UMass

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Boston which will endow the Robert and Donna Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences. An announcement on the gift's distribution to the other four campuses will be made in the coming weeks and months.

He noted that Chancellor Suárez Orozco would speak to how the gift to UMass Boston will advance its focus on culturally sensitive nursing, diversity and equitable patient care. President Meehan then acknowledged Chairman Manning and Donna Manning, two of the University's greatest supporters, for their gift.

President Meehan reported that the second gift, a historic \$175 million gift from The Morningside Foundation and the Chan family will be received over the next five years by the UMass Medical School, which is among the largest gifts ever received by a public medical school. The gift reflects the University's position as a national leader doing exemplary work in medical education and research.

President Meehan noted that Chancellor Collins would speak to the Medical School's gift and the renamings associated with it. He will also be joined by Governor Baker later in the morning for a formal announcement and acknowledgment of the incredible generosity of the Morningside Foundation and the Chan family for their commitment to higher education and healthcare in the Commonwealth.

The President thanked the Board and commented that the gifts would not be possible without strong fiscal management, stewardship of resources, and the continued leadership across the University which is a direct reflection of the Board's oversight and direction. He also commented on the strong signal that the gifts send to the philanthropic community, that the University of Massachusetts is the best place to invest in if there are causes to advance in the Commonwealth.

President Meehan commented on Chancellor Collins' initial efforts to introduce the Chan family to UMass a few years ago. He expressed his gratitude to Chancellor Collins for his work at the Medical School and the institution he built nationally and internationally. He also acknowledged Mary Ellen Collins, the Chancellor's spouse, for her time, effort, and commitment to the Medical School community.

Chairman Manning then turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Peters.

Vice Chair Peters stated that it was an honor and distinct pleasure to assume the gavel for the historic occasion and historic vote. He thanked Chairman Manning and Donna Manning for their tremendous gift. He also acknowledged the Chairman's intangible benefits to the University in addition to his philanthropic efforts. Among them, the negotiation of the Mount Ida campus, contracts for the Boston Expo Center, and UMassOnline. He thanked Donna Manning for sharing the Chairman with the University.

Vice Chair Peters congratulated Chancellor Collins and the Medical School family for the historic gift to the campus.

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Vice Chair Peters then asked for a motion to approve the **Renaming of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Boston to the Robert and Donna Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Doc. T21-055**. He stated that Chancellor Suárez-Orozco would speak to the item.

Chancellor Suárez-Orozco noted the historic gift and expressed UMass Boston's gratitude for the unprecedented gift from Chairman Manning and Donna Manning to support the Nursing and Health Sciences programs.

Chancellor Suárez-Orozco provided brief highlights of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The College is known for its excellence, public mission, its diversity, and as the largest public nursing college in New England, as one of the largest producers of highly trained nursing practitioners and educators; and *U.S. News and World Report* ranks the college's masters and doctoral programs in the top 100 in the country. He stated that this is the foundation from which the campus will work to build the Robert and Donna Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Chancellor Suárez-Orozco spoke to how the transformational gift will expand and enhance the programs needed to educate the next generation of nurses, healthcare workers, and those dedicated to exercise health science to the next level of excellence and engagement while focusing on equitable care in all disciplines. The Chancellor thanked the Mannings for their historic, generous, and visionary \$50M gift to UMass Boston. He noted the Manning's understanding of the importance of UMass Boston and the opportunities, excellence, and equity that the University champions.

Vice Chair Peters then asked for the motion. It was moved by Trustee Karam and seconded by Trustee Burns.

Chairman Manning stated that he and Donna are thrilled to make the gift. He spoke to the reason of their gift to give back to nursing students at the Boston campus and how the pandemic afforded them the opportunity to do so. Chairman Manning ended his comments with a quote from Winston Churchill. "You make a living by what you get, and you make a life by what you give". He stated that he and Donna were happy to give.

Vice Chair Peters then asked for comments on the motion.

Trustee Paris Jeffries thanked the Chairman and his wife for their gift. He spoke to the significance of the gift on the City of Boston for year to come. He commented on being proud as a student and to receiving the historic gift as a Trustee of the University of Massachusetts. He thanked the Mannings on behalf of the Trustees, but particularly on behalf of UMass Boston students.

Trustee Burns thanked the Mannings on behalf of the entire University and commented that the gift will transform lives for generations. Trustee Karam also commented about how transformational the gift will be for the UMass system and thanked the Chairman for his mentorship and all that he does.

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Chancellor Moloney thanked the Mannings for everything they have done for UMass Lowell. She stated that she could not be more proud of Chairman Manning being an alum of the University. She stated that everyone has benefited from his leadership and generosity.

Trustee Bates thanked Chairman Manning on behalf of the student body he represents, particularly nursing majors. Trustees Tolman thanked the Chairman as a graduate of UMass Boston and commented on the significance of the gift. Trustee Okwara also spoke as a graduate of UMass Boston and commented on the impact of the gift and how difficult it would be putting to words what the impact of the gift would be, recognizing what the student body looks like and the challenges that they face. She expressed her gratitude for the impact the gift will have.

Trustee Kelleher congratulated the Chairman on his success and leadership and thanked him for his generosity.

The Secretary then called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Vice Chair Peters voted for the motion as did Trustees Burns, Houle, Karam, Kelleher, Kunda, O'Brien, Okwara, Paris Jeffries, Peyser, Ramos Gagliardi, Tolman and Woolridge. Trustee Scheibel was not present for the motion.

**VOTED:** To rename the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Boston as the Robert and Donna Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences in recognition of their generous gift and in honor of their outstanding commitment to the campus.

Vice Chair Peters turned the meeting back over to Chairman Manning.

Chairman Manning then asked for a motion to approve the **Establishment of The Morningside Foundation Endowment Fund at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and 4 namings at the University of Massachusetts Medical School: the renaming of the University of Massachusetts Medical School to the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School; the renaming of the School of Medicine to the T.H. Chan School of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School; the renaming of the Graduate School of Nursing to the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School; and the renaming of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences to the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, Doc. T21-056.** He stated that Chancellor Collins would speak to the item.

Chancellor Collins thanked everyone for their kind comments, and expressed his gratitude and appreciation for Chairman Manning and Donna Manning for their generous gift to the University.

Chancellor Collins stated that the University of Massachusetts Medical School is the Commonwealth's first and only public medical school with a founding mission to provide affordable high quality medical education to state residents and to increase the number of private care physicians practicing in underserved areas in the state.

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Chancellor Collins provided brief highlights on the Medical School including: The Medical School graduates hundreds of talented physicians, scientists and nursing leaders through its 3 schools every year. Alumni live and work in every city and town of the Commonwealth. The School of Medicine recently ranked in the top 10 nationwide in primary care and in the top 1% of student satisfaction. The Nobel Prize winning biomedical research enterprise attracts more than \$400 million in funding annually. The Medical School has become a magnet for the very best and brightest, most innovative and collaborative faculty from around the globe. The Medical School ranks 21<sup>st</sup> in the nation and #2 in New England, 2<sup>nd</sup> only to Yale for research funding from the National Institution of Health.

Chancellor Collins commented on the privilege of a lifetime to serve as the Chancellor and to represent the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the Medical School. Chancellor Collins then announced that the University of Massachusetts Medical School will receive a transformational \$175 million commitment from The Morningside Foundation of Newton, Massachusetts. He reported that the Morningside Foundation is the charitable arm of the Chan family's global investment firm, Morningside. The Foundation's stated mission is supporting science and enabling education. Which is aligned with the Chan's family deep health conviction that education is the best investment in the future. The Morningside Foundation's enduring investments in science and education are one of the many ways the Chan family chooses to honor the legacy of their patriarch and matriarch—the late T.H. Chan and the 101 year old Tan Chingfen. Chancellor Collins expressed gratitude for the Chan's deliberate choice to support science and enable education for generations to come at the Medical School.

Chancellor Collins provided the specifics of the \$175 million gift. The gift is unrestricted. The first \$35 million payment will be received before the end of this year, followed by 4 annual payments of \$35 million. The gift will be paid in full no later than December 2026. When completed, the gift will have more than doubled the Medical School's current endowment. The proceeds from the endowment will be invested in years to come under the direction of the UMass Foundation. The funds will be prioritized around several primary goals, permitting the Medical School to recruit and retain more world-renown faculty, offering financial support to highly qualified and diverse students, facilitating great research and changing the course of history of disease, and working in fulfilling its public service mission. The 3 graduate schools will also benefit annually from The Morningside Foundation's historic donation.

Chancellor Collins noted that the gift is noteworthy because it is one of the largest philanthropic donations ever been made to a public medical school in the country and The Morningside Foundation and the Chan family will propel the Medical School to new heights for decades.

Upon approval of the endowment agreement, and in recognition of the historic and transformative donation, the Medical School will have a new name, a new brand, and new logos, and each of the graduate schools will be renamed. The Medical School will be called the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School or UMass Chan Medical School. The School of Medicine will be named the T.H. Chan School of Medicine in honor of T.H. Chan, the late patriarch of the Chan family. The Graduate School of Nursing will be named the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing in honor of Tan Chingfen, the matriarch of the Chan family. The Graduate School of

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Biomedical Sciences will be named The Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in honor of the Chan family's dedication in supporting science and enabling education.

Chancellor Collins announced that a news conference regarding the gift commitment will be held following the Board meeting. Dr. Gerald Chan will speak about the historic donation on behalf of his family. Dr. Chan will be joined by Governor Baker, Chairman Manning, President Meehan, and Trustee and University alum, Dr. Chioma Okwara. Dr. Chan and representatives from The Morningside Foundation will join Lieutenant Governor Polito, President Meehan, and Chancellor Collins at the Medical School for a celebration at 4:00 p.m. Chancellor Collins welcomed the Trustees to attend.

Chancellor Collins commented on it being a pleasure, a privilege, and a great responsibility for everyone at the University and at the Medical School to build on the Chan family's legacy. The Chancellor also commented on his efforts, which began in May 2015, to work with the Chan family. He expressed profound gratitude to the Chan family. Their generosity will allow the UMass Chan Medical School to chart frontiers in teaching, research, and public service.

Chairman Manning congratulated and thanked Chancellor Collins. He then asked for comments on the motion.

Trustee Burns thanked Chancellor Collins for what he has done continues to do for the Medical School and spoke to the impact of the Medical School noting her recent experience with a Doctor who was Medical School graduate.

President Meehan noted that the Chan gift is an unrestricted gift and is structured in a way that Chancellor Collins will not benefit from it as Chancellor. He commented on Chancellor Collins being a steward of the Medical School wanting to leave it in a much better place than when he got it.

Trustee Woolridge congratulated the Chancellor for a phenomenal job and what he has done to strengthen the Medical School across the board. Trustee Scheibel echoed Trustee Woolridge's comments and also thanked the Chancellor for his extraordinary leadership. She also thanked the Mannings for their gift. Trustee Tolman stated that he was proud to have Chancellor Collins as a friend and congratulated him on the achievement.

Chancellor Collins acknowledged Dean Flotte and commented on their 15 year partnership leading the Medical School.

Trustee Okwara congratulated Chancellor Collins, Dean Flotte, and the entire UMass Medical School community. She also thanked them for their dedication to continue making the campus better and stronger every day.

Chairman Manning then asked for a motion. It was moved by Trustee Burns and seconded by Trustee Paris Jeffries.

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The Secretary then called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chairman Manning voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Peters; Trustees Burns, Houle, Karam, Kelleher, Kunda, O'Brien, Okwara, Paris Jeffries, Peyser, Ramos Gagliardi, Scheibel, Tolman and Woolridge.

**VOTED:** In accordance with sections 1A(e) and 11 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws: to establish The Morningside Foundation Endowment Fund at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

And further, To rename the University of Massachusetts Medical School as the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School in recognition of the Morningside Group's generous gift and in honor of their outstanding commitment to the campus.

And further, To rename the School of Medicine as the T.H. Chan School of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

And further, To rename the Graduate School of Nursing as the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

And further, To rename the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences as the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

Chairman Manning thanked everyone for making themselves available for the Board meeting. He then adjourned the meeting.

The time was 9:50 a.m.

Zunilka Barrett  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees