

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Friday, June 9, 2023; 10:00 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, and subsequently updated and
extended by the Governor and their staff**

Trustees Present: Chairman Karam; Vice Chair Burns; Trustees Berry, Brunelle, Colella, Delgado, Epstein, Keches, Kelleher, Lam, Lewis, O'Brien, Paris Jeffries, Ramos Gagliardi, White; and Mr. Moreau (representing Trustee Tutwiler)

Trustees Absent: Trustees Dooley, Lechowicz, Okwara, Scheibel, Tolman, Tutwiler and Wu

University Administration: President Meehan; General Counsel Leone; Chancellors Subbaswamy, Suárez-Orozco, Fuller Chen and Collins; Provosts Serio, Berger, Boone (Associate Provost), Hartman and Flotte; Vice Chancellors Mangels, Kirleis, Doyle (CFO), O'Riordan and Lindstedt

Faculty Representatives: Professor Haroon, UMass Boston; and Professor Hurwitz, UMass Lowell

Documents Used:

- April 12, 2023 (Open & Executive Session)

Chairman Karam convened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. and reminded the Board of the Governor's As you know, the Governor issued an executive order on March 12, 2020, which has been extended until March 31st, 2025. 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 they engage, as they are today, with adequate and alternative means of access available.

Any member of the public wishing to address the Board regarding an agenda item or issue related to the agenda, or to make an audio or video recording of the open public session of the Board meeting, was provided notice by the Secretary of the Board through a posting indicating that such written requests needed to be received no later than 24 hours prior to this Board meeting. Under the law, the Chair has complete discretion in granting or denying the request to speak and may limit the duration that the public has to address the Board. He noted that no requests were made to speak at the meeting.

He reminded the Trustees to unmute themselves for the roll call votes and state their name when they move and second a motion for vote.

Consideration of the prior Minutes of the Board

Chairman Karam stated that the Board was provided with the draft meeting minutes from April 12, 2023 Open and Executive Session and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Pursuant to Mass General Laws Chapter 30A and under the Office of The MA Attorney General, Open Meeting Law Guide and Educational Materials, General Counsel Leone, under the delegation of the UMass Board of Trustees, has determined that the Executive Session minutes will not be released at this time, and should remain confidential because publication would defeat the lawful purposes of the executive session.

Chair's Remarks

Chairman Karam commented that it was commencement season and the final meeting of the academic year. He expressed his gratitude to the Board members for their contributions to the University, and he expressed his gratitude to President Meehan and his staff and the Chancellors and their teams. He commented that as previously mentioned by President Meehan and Dr. Nathan Grawe at the Board's conversation last month, that the University's leadership will be tested in the years ahead as UMass, along with higher education institutions in America, is facing some strong headwinds and stated that it is imperative to embrace the agile college philosophy by utilizing some of the tools available such as the SPARC dashboard and the Unified Procurement Services Team.

Chairman Karam bid farewell to and thanked the outgoing Student Trustees for their service on the UMass Board of Trustees. Adam Lechowicz from UMass Amherst, a PhD student in the Manning College of Information and Computer Sciences. Maxwell White from UMass Dartmouth recently earned his degree in Political Science, concentrating in International Relations. Mina Lam from UMass Lowell recently earned her degree in Business Administration with a minor in economics. Bethany Berry from the UMass Chan Medical School, a MD/PhD student conducting her thesis research in the laboratory of Dr. Mark Johnson in the Department of Neurological Surgery. Chairman Karam noted that Michael Dooley from UMass Boston will be returning to the Board and continue pursuing his degree in Sport Leadership & Administration.

Nomination of the Governance Committee Members

Chairman Karam stated that per the Board Bylaws, the Governance Committee membership for 2023-2024 was established. He will serve as Chair; Mary Burns as Vice Chair; and Trustees Scheibel and Tolman will serve as members. The Committee will meet and report back to the Board at its annual meeting in September.

Student Trustee Report, UMass Chan Medical School

Trustee Berry reported on the state of the UMass Chan Medical School. She spoke to the campus returning to a new normal and noted its support through the Covid-19 pandemic, return to on-campus events, in-person mentorship, and community service, which are returning to pre-pandemic levels. She noted 50th commencement milestone with nearly 300 students from the T.H. Chan School of Medicine, the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing, and the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences receiving degrees, and the inaugural Deborah Harmon

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Hines celebration event held by the Diversity and Inclusion Office and the UMass Chan chapter of White Coats 4 Black lives.

Trustee Berry spoke to the Medical School as a world-class health sciences campus conducting cutting edge medical research, its continued focus to increase faculty diversity, and the new Education and Research Building soon to be completed. She highlighted other campus activity including the first tri-school orientation held this year; the election of her successor, the first Student Trustee from the Graduate School of Nursing; the new regional campus in partnership with Lahey Hospital and Medical Center; the increased use of the student Counseling Services given the effects of the pandemic on students; and services provided by the Worcester Free Care Collaborative. She spoke of the privilege to serve in her role as Student Trustee and highlighted the UMass Leadership Institute for Growth, Health and Transformation led by Dr. Mark Johnson, Chair of the Department of Neurological Surgery.

President's Report

President Meehan stated that it was Chancellor Subbaswamy's last meeting as Chancellor of UMass Amherst. He thanked him for his 11 years of outstanding leadership and welcomed him to his senior leadership team as interim Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Equity, starting July 1. He welcomed Nef Walker as Deputy Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Equity. He also thanked the outgoing Student Trustees for their service and wished them the best for the next chapter of their academic and professional journey. He congratulated Michael Dooley on his re-election.

President Meehan acknowledged the University's graduating Class of 2023, which included more than 100 UMass Law School graduates, and the historic 300-member 50th class of the UMass Chan Medical School. He acknowledged and thanked Dean Eric Mitnick for his leadership of the Law School. University of Montana Law Professor Sam Panarella will succeed Dean Mitnick. The President thanked Trustee Keches for serving on the Search Committee.

President Meehan acknowledged the 2023 winners of the Manning Prize for Excellence in Teaching, who exemplify the world class teaching that happens on each campus.

UMass Lowell Associate Professor of Applied Developmental Psychology Stephanie Block whose work focuses on the maltreatment of children and centered on the belief that scientific research should influence the law and public policy. UMass Boston Assistant Professor of Psychology Randy Corpuz whose research examines the neuroscience of relationships and child development with a particular focus on first-time fathers and their infants. UMass Chan Medical School Professor of Medicine and Assistant Vice Provost Melissa Fischer, a passionate advocate of curricular innovation and collaboration. UMass Dartmouth Assistant Teaching Professor Stephanie McGoldrick who helped launch the Interior Architecture and Design program that successfully integrated experiential learning opportunities and service learning into many of her classes; the program relocated from Mount Ida College. UMass Amherst Senior Lecturer and the Director of the UMass Alliance for Community Transformation Jen Sandler who connects UMass students to rigorous, multi-year learning and mentorship opportunities with experienced community organizers.

Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs (CASA)

Trustee Paris Jeffries reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Economic Development met on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, and approved the minutes of the December 8, 2022 meetings held in both open and executive session. President Meehan provided a report and led the Discussion Item on Early College: University of Massachusetts Commonwealth Collegiate Academy or CCA, which was followed by presentations by Judy Evans, the CCA's Interim Director, UMass Dartmouth Professor Michael Goodman, and Provosts Joe Hartman from UMass Lowell and Joe Berger from UMass Boston.

The Committee considered and voted on two action items: Appointments to Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs, UMass Amherst and Chan Medical School, and approval of amendments to UMass Dartmouth's Student Government Association Constitution. The action items were voted for inclusion on the Consent Agenda for the Board's approval. The Committee then voted to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering three action items: Appointments with Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth and Chan Medical School; Award of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Lowell and Chan Medical School; and Transfer of Tenure, UMass Amherst. The tenure items were voted for inclusion on the Consent Agenda.

Committee on Administration and Finance (A&F)

Trustee O'Brien reported that the A&F Committee met on May 31, 2023. Senior Vice President Calise and her team presented on work happening across the President's Office and the campus Administration & Finance teams that support a risk informed culture, a strong data foundation and the power of using that data; presented on the FY24 budget which is not without challenges and requires active management and continued State advocacy; and discussed enrollment and system-wide initiatives directed to the Advisory Working Group that will convene in the summer.

The Committee considered five action items: Endowed Professorships and Chairs, UMass Amherst and Chan Medical School, Doc. T23-033; Quarterly Capital Project Update and Amendments to the University's Capital Plan, Doc. T21-048, as amended; Approval of Mandatory Student Charges - Changes to Student Activity Fee, UMass Amherst, Doc. T23-034; Approval of the University's FY24 Operating Budget, Doc. T23-023; and Authorization to Allocate the FY24 State Appropriation, Doc. T23-024. The action items were approved and placed on the Consent Agenda for Board approval. Three reports were posted for the Committee's information: the Campus Affirmative Action Reports, Doc. T23-025; the FY24 Tuition & Fee Schedules, Doc. T23-026; and the UMass Dartmouth Enrollment Pilot Report, Doc. T23-035.

Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)

Trustee Kelleher reported that the Audit and Risk Committee met on Wednesday, May 31st. The Committee accepted the minutes of the prior Committee meeting and heard reports from Kyle David the University's Chief Audit Officer on Internal Audit activity, and from Derek Scano the Assistant Director of Internal Audit on the Fiscal Year 2024 Internal Audit Plan. The Committee also heard reports from Christine Packard the Assistant Vice President of Enterprise Risk Management on the ERM program, and from KPMG on their Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Plan and required communications. The Committee then voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Internal Audit Plan.

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Trustee Kelleher asked the Chairman to entertain a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Internal Audit Plan, Document T23-028. Chairman Karam thanked Trustee Kelleher for serving as the former Chair of the Committee and for realigning its purpose. He then asked for the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Internal Audit Plan. It was moved by Vice Chair Burns and seconded by Trustee Ramos Gagliardi.

The Secretary called the roll. Chairman Karam voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Burns; Trustees Berry, Brunelle, Colella, Delgado, Keches, Kelleher, Lewis, O'Brien, Paris Jeffries, Ramos Gagliardi; and Mr. Moreau (representing Trustee Tutwiler). Trustee Epstein's vote was not heard.

VOTED: To approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Internal Audit Plan, Document T23-028.

Athletics Committee

Trustee Kelleher thanked Trustee Lewis for serving as the Vice Chair of the Committee and for his valuable insight. He reported that the Athletics Committee met on May 31st and heard a presentation by UMass Lowell Athletic Director Peter Casey on the River Hawk Athletic Department, which focused on the department's budget, facilities, fundraising, and team success, both on the field and in the classroom.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Karam stated that on May 30th the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs approved and voted to place its action items on the Consent Agenda for Board approval, and the Committee on Administration and approved and voted to place their action items on the Consent Agenda on May 31, 2023. He then asked for a motion to approve items 1-10 on the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Trustee Epstein by and seconded Vice Chair Burns.

The Secretary called the roll. Chairman Karam voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Burns; Trustees Berry, Brunelle, Colella, Delgado, Epstein, Keches, Kelleher, Lewis, O'Brien, Paris Jeffries, Ramos Gagliardi; and Mr. Moreau (representing Trustee Tutwiler).

VOTED: To approve the following votes listed as 1-10 on the Consent Agenda:

The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs approved items 1-5 on May 30, 2023.

1. Appointments to Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs, UMass Amherst, Chan Medical School, Doc. T23-032

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Mary Andrianopoulos for the title of Terrence Murray Commonwealth College Honors Professorship for the term of two years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Colin Gleason for the title of Armstrong Professional Development Professorship for a term of three years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Jane Kent for the

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title of Distinguished Professor in the Department of Kinesiology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Michael Knodler for the title of William W. Boyer Professorship for a term of five years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Matthew Lackner for the title of Chair in Renewable Energy in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Young Min Moon for the title of Distinguished Professor in the Department of Art at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Orlando Richard for the title of Earl Stafford Endowed Professorship for a term of five years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Muzaffer Uysal for the title of Carney Family Endowed Professorship for a term of five years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Baoshan Xing for the title of Distinguished Professor in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Michael A. Brehm for the title of Harvey A. Shultz Chair in Diabetes at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

2. Amendment to the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution, UMass Dartmouth, Doc. T23-036

To approve the amendments to the Student Government Association Constitution at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

3. Appointments with Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Chan Medical School, Doc. T23-029

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Javier Reyes in the Department of Finance at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Abdullah Eroglu in the Department of Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Ann Kim in the Department of Art & Design at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

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To concur with the President in the appointment of Associate Professor Jennifer Mammen in the Department of Adult Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Evan Zoldan at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Law School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Stefania Gallucci at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

4. Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Lowell, Chan Medical School, Doc. T23-030

To concur with the President in the awards of tenure to the following individuals in the following departments:

Amherst Laura B. Attanasio, Health Promotion and Policy
Seyram Ama Misonu Avle, Communication
Cameron Awkward-Rich, Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies
Jeanne Brunner, Teacher Education & Curriculum Studies
Justin Coles, Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services
Adam S. Grabell, Psychological and Brain Sciences
Owen G. Gwilliam, Mathematics and Statistics
Scott A. Hertel, Physics
Mohit Nagaraja Iyyer, Computer Science
Juan M. Jimenez, Mech & Industrial Engineering
Anya K. Klepikov, Theater
Ashish A. Kulkarni, Chemical Engineering
Youngbin Kwak, Psychological and Brain Sciences
Tongping Liu, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Martin A. Medina-Elizalde, Geosciences
Sancha D. Medwinter, Sociology
Alejandro Henry Morales Borrero, Mathematics and Statistics
Mandy Marie Muller, Microbiology
Robert P. Musgrave, Political Science
Mariana Pereira, Psychological and Brain Sciences
Kimberlee Anne Perez, Communication
Shannon C. Roberts, Mech & Industrial Engineering
Tigran A. Sedrakyan, Physics
Leili Shahriyari, Mathematics and Statistics
Yubing Sun, Mech & Industrial Engineering
Jeremi Marek Szaniawski, Languages, Literature & Cultures
Nicole A. VanKim, Biostatistics and Epidemiology
Elena M. Vazey, Biology
Isabella M. Weber, Economics
Katherine E. Whitaker, Astronomy
Christopher W. White, Music and Dance
Jun Yao, Elect & Computer Engineering

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Boston Mona Abo-Zena, Curriculum & Instruction
Souha Ballout, Nursing
Lorenzo Buonanno, Art
Randy Corpuz, Psychology
Susana Domingo Amestoy, Latin Amer. & Iberian Studies
Rachel Drew, Exercise and Health Sciences
Lorena Estrada-Martinez, UPCD
Abiola Farinde-Wu, Leadership in Education
Dania Francis, Economics
Lisa Heelan-Fancher, Nursing
Shan Jiang, MSIS
Michelle Jurkovich, Political Science
Georgia Mavrommati, SFE
Timothy Oleksiak, English
Niya Sa, Chemistry
Kimberly Urbanski, Applied Linguistics
Kerrie Wilkens-Yel, Counseling & School Psychology
Lingling Zhang, Nursing

Lowell Nishant Agarwal, Kennedy College of Sciences
Frederic Chain, Kennedy College of Sciences
Karoline Evans, Manning School of Business
Walfre Franco, Francis College of Engineering
Claire Lee, College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Christopher Linebarger, College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Ryan Shields, College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Aaron Smith-Walter, College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Yan Wang, College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Chi Zhang, Manning School of Business

Worcester Gilles Martin, T.H. Chan School of Medicine

5. Transfer Tenure, UMass Amherst, Doc. T23-031

To concur with the President in the transfer of tenure to the following individual in the following department:

Amherst Professor Kathryn McDermott from the Department of Educational Policy, Research, & Administration to the School of Public Policy.

The Committee on Administration and Finance approved items 6-10 on May 31, 2023.

6. Establishment of Endowed Professorships and Chairs UMass Amherst, Chan Medical School, Doc. T23-033

In accordance with sections 1A(e) and 11 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws to establish the following:

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Establishment of the Robert W. Lentilhon Endowed Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Isenberg School of Management.

And further,

Establishment of the Harvey A. Shultz Chair in Diabetes at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

7. Approval of Changes to the Capital Projects List (related to the FY2022–FY2026 Capital Plan), (Traditional Project Vote 2), UMass Dartmouth (Central Campus Building Entrance Upgrades), Doc. T21-048, as amended

Pursuant to Trustee Policy T93-122, as amended, to authorize the following projects under the **second vote**; the adoption of such vote hereby satisfies the University’s written request that that the University of Massachusetts Building Authority undertake the following projects to the extent permitted by Trustee Policy T93-122, as amended and Board vote T21-048:

Campus	Project Name	Vote 1	Vote 2	Funding Sources				P3
				Local Funding	External Funding	Borrowed Funding	State Funding	
Dartmouth	Central Campus Building Entrance Upgrades	\$4,367,784	\$4,367,784	-	-	1,921,825	2,445,959	-

8. Approval of Mandatory Student Charges – Changes to Student Activity Fee, UMass Amherst, Doc. T23-034

In accordance with Section 1A of Chapter 75 of the General Laws, and Policy T92-031, Appendix E, as amended to authorize the President to approve changes to the Graduate Student Senate fee at UMass Amherst as outlined below for academic year 2023-24:

	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Proposed	\$ Change FY23-FY24	% Change FY23-FY24
Graduate Student Senate Fee	\$151.70	\$155.50	\$160.00	\$5	2.9%

9. FY2024 University Operating Budget, Doc. T23-023

To approve the University’s Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget and to authorize the President to approve changes, as needed, based on the final General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024 and any changes made to it during the fiscal year.

10. Authorization to Allocate the Fiscal Year 2024 State Appropriation, Doc. T23-024

To direct the President to allocate the amount appropriated for the University of Massachusetts in Line Item 7100-0200 of the General Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 2024 to the campuses.

Executive Session Announcement

Chairman Karam asked for a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21, Purpose 7, To comply with, or act under the authority of any general or special law, and pursuant to M.G.L. c.4, Section 7, Clause 26(d), necessitating confidentiality, since public disclosure in an open meeting would compromise the purpose for which the executive session is

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being called and have a detrimental effect on the University; and Pursuant to MGL c. 30A; Section 21, Purpose 2, To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel. The public disclosure of more specific information which would likely compromise the Purpose for which the executive session is being called, and the inclusion of such details would compromise the Purpose for the executive session; and To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, as permitted under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Purpose 6, since an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the University and the Chair declares that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect in obtaining information necessary to proceed with required process.

Chairman Karam stated that the meeting would not reconvene in open session and asked for a motion. It was moved by Vice Chair Burns and seconded by Trustee Colella.

The Secretary called the roll. Chairman Karam voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Burns; Trustees Berry, Brunelle, Colella, Delgado, Epstein, Keches, Kelleher, Lewis, O'Brien, Paris Jeffries, Ramos Gagliardi; and Mr. Moreau (representing Trustee Tutwiler).

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that those participating in the Executive Session should join that Zoom meeting with the specific link provided.

The time was 10:39 a.m.

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Secretary to the Board of Trustees