

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

**Thursday, September 19, 2024; 9:00 a.m.; via Zoom**

**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 Brunelle, Colella, Delgado, Haviari, Maguire Keches, Nicum, O'Brien, Okwara, Oliveira, Osa-Agbontaen, Paris Jeffries, Raymond, Tolman, Tutwiler and Wu

**Trustees Absent:** Trustees Epstein, Lewis, Ramos Gagliardi, Scheibel and Sullivan

**University Administration:** President Meehan; General Counsel Lowy; Senior Vice Presidents Calise and Subbaswamy; Chancellors Reyes, Suárez-Orozco, Fuller, Chen and Collins; Provosts Abd-El-Khalick, Berger, Balasubramanian, Hartman and Flotte; Vice Chancellors Mangels, Kirleis, Doyle, Yestramski and Lindstedt

**Faculty Representatives:** Professors Hoagland, UMass Amherst; Roscoe, UMass Dartmouth; Petersen, UMass Lowell

**Documents Used:**

- Meeting Minutes: June 7, 2024 (Open & Executive Session)
- 2024/2025 Board of Trustees Officers and Committee Leadership, Doc. T24-0-46
- Department of Defense, Exclusion from Personnel Clearance Requirements, Doc. T24-0-47

Chairman Karam convened the meeting at 9:04 a.m. and reminded everyone of the Governor's executive order issued on March 12, 2020, which has been extended until March 31, 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.

Chairman Karam reminded the Board to unmute themselves and state their name when moving or seconding the action items.

**Consideration of Minutes of the prior meeting of the Committee**

Chairman Karam stated that the Board was provided with the draft meeting minutes of the June 7, 2024 Board meeting's open and executive sessions, and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Under the Office of The Massachusetts Attorney General, Open Meeting Law Guide and Educational Materials, General Counsel Lowy, under the delegation of the UMass Board of Trustees, has determined that the June 7, 2024 Board of Trustees executive session minutes will not be released and should remain confidential because publication would defeat the lawful purposes of the executive session.

**Chair's Remarks**

Chairman Karam recognized and welcomed the five new student trustees to the Board: Felicity Oliveria from UMass Amherst, Abigail Raymond from UMass Boston, Gent Haviari from UMass Dartmouth, Stephanie Nicum from UMass Lowell, and Elizabeth Osa-Agbontaen from UMass Chan Medical School. He also congratulated the Chancellors and their teams on a smooth transition this fall. At President Meehan's direction, his team coordinated with representatives from all campuses to share best practices, experiences, and optimizations to policies and procedures to ensure that all of our campuses are maintaining a safe and effective learning environment. He is pleased with the outcomes of that process so far and expressed thanks to President Meehan, the Chancellors, and all of those who contributed to that important work over the summer.

Chairman Karam shared the University must continue to confront large-scale demographic headwinds that require consistent, strong, and effective management to steer the University through; noting that this is not unique to UMass and is something that nearly every college and university in the Northeast is navigating. He is confident that UMass remains well-positioned to come through this disruptive period thanks to the work done by President Meehan, the Chancellors, and through the Admissions Working Group.

Chairman Karam reported that the University is sharing knowledge and implementing best practices across the campuses and exploring and testing new, innovative strategies to maintain strong enrollment pipelines. This work has proven effective, and as of the latest enrollment projections show that each campus is either at or close to its budget assumptions. The campuses will continue to evaluate the enrollment mix to better understand its impact on revenue and will update their first quarter projections making any necessary adjustments to meet the budgeted 2% operating margin. In this competitive enrollment environment, this shows the effectiveness of the University's forecasting, recruitment and admissions, and the strength of its management. President Meehan will share more about the fall enrollment in his report.

**Approval of the 2024/2025 Officers and Committee Membership, Doc. T24-046**

Chairman Karam announced that the Governance Committee met and agreed on the 2024/2025 Board Officers and Committee Leadership, Doc. T24-046. He then asked for a motion to approve the 2024/2025 Board Officers and Committee Leadership. It was moved by Vice Chair Burns and seconded by Trustee Colella. Chairman Karam asked for questions or comments.

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With none, the Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. The Secretary called the roll. Chairman Karam voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Burns; Trustees Brunelle, Colella, Delgado, Maguire Keches, Nicum, O'Brien, Okwara, Osa-Agbontaen, Paris Jeffries, Tolman, Tutwiler and Wu.

**VOTED:** To confirm and approve the 2024/2025 Officers and Committee Chairs of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees as set forth in Doc. T24-046; all persons to serve until the next annual meeting of the Board.

**Student Trustee Report, UMass Lowell**

Trustee Nicum reported on the start of the academic year at UMass Lowell. She highlighted the Convocation Ceremony welcoming 3,000 new students to campus, River Hawk Scholars Academy for first-generation students, the new digital platform, Mosaic, to help students document their experiences on campus, Student Government Association meetings with senior leadership, and the transition from Blackboard to Canvas online learning management system.

Trustee Nicum reported that UMass Lowell is a leader in supporting student success, with many initiatives pertaining to career-connected work and experiential learning, allowing students to be leaders outside of the classroom. The campus offers and coordinates co-ops, internships, clinicals, service learning, and research opportunities to gain hands-on experiences that will make UMass Lowell students stand out in the job market. She noted these efforts will be accelerated by the Lowell Innovation Network Corridor (LINC), a partnership between UMass Lowell and the City of Lowell that will increase research collaborations with companies, non-profits and governmental organizations. LINC will create infrastructure including laboratory and office space, housing, restaurants, retail, and entertainment opportunities, providing students with even more career-connected opportunities while attending school and once they graduate.

**President's Report**

President Meehan reported it has been an exciting September at the UMass. All of the campuses welcomed back their exceptional student bodies. This fall, the University has more than 73,000 students across the campuses, including more than 10,000 first-year students. He echoed Chairman Karam's comments recognizing the new Student Trustees and looks forward to their many contributions over the course of the academic year.

As the community prepares to take part in the 2024 election, he shared that UMass remains proud of the University's commitment to free speech, open inquiry, and respectful debate; values that are essential in engaging thoughtfully with one another on pressing issues. Though thoughtful work over the summer, the University continued to ensure that the campuses are safe and supportive environments where all students can thrive.

There has been several discussions in the higher education community about the potential impacts of last year's Supreme Court decision to overturn affirmative action in admissions. UMass held a system-wide webinar last year to help faculty and staff understand how the ruling would affect UMass and universities around the nation. For many universities, that impact over the last year has been material and pronounced. President Meehan is proud to share that the University of Massachusetts continues to stand out, both at the individual campus level and as a system. UMass

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Amherst celebrated the arrival of its most diverse class ever; UMass Boston, which is recognized as the most diverse four-year institution in the Northeast, saw 73% of its incoming Class of 2028 made up of students of color; over half of the nearly 1,400 new students at UMass Dartmouth are students of color with 55% being first generation college students; UMass Lowell has 49% of its approximately 3,000 incoming students, both first-year and transfers, identifying as students of color and 40% identifying as first-generation students; and at UMass Chan Medical School, 70% of the incoming T.H. Chan School of Medicine Class of 2028 are women, with 35 students coming from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine, 46 from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and 23 being first-generation college students. Additionally, the UMass School of Law welcomed its largest and most diverse class to date. Across the university, preliminary enrollment and admissions data shows that the UMass-wide incoming class of 2028 is the most diverse in the University's history, and 50% of our incoming class are students of color; up from 48% last fall. President Meehan stated that these numbers underscore how effective the University has been in establishing and continuously improving recruitment and admissions processes that are inclusive and accessible.

Maintaining the strength of enrollment in every capacity will require continued monitoring, aggressive recruitment, and a continued willingness to engage in new and innovative approaches, including key initiatives such as the early college program, community college partnerships, and the admissions sharing pilot. He shared that the Early College Program started in Fall 2022 serving 169 students and this fall the program is expected to serve 1,100 students; and 44% of transfer students last year came from the Massachusetts community colleges. These strong outcomes validate the overall strategic approach and show that the University is very much on the right track.

President Meehan also reported that the final FY25 State Budget includes \$765M for UMass, representing an increase of approximately \$12M over our FY24 base appropriation. The budget also sets aside funding for collective bargaining contracts, and he anticipates that the state will provide for its share of the cost for FY25 in a supplemental budget. The University is also seeing benefits from the Fair Share Amendment, with \$10M allocated to the UMass Endowment Incentive Program, \$80M in Mass Grant Plus funding, and \$10M for the High Demand Profession Scholarship. He thanked Governor Healey and Lt. Governor Driscoll, Senate President Spilka and Speaker Mariano, and the entire Legislature for their continued support of UMass and its students.

**Report of the Committee on Administration and Finance**

Trustee O'Brien reported that the Committee on Administration and Finance met on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Senior Vice President Calise and her team provided an overview of preliminary unaudited year-end financials for FY24 as well as an update on the FY25 budget. The Committee had the opportunity to review preliminary fall enrollment numbers and discussed strategies that are helping the campuses as they continue to innovate due to the demographic decline. Looking ahead, the Committee discussed the campuses kicking off their refresh to the Five-year Forecast which will serve as a blueprint for the next budget cycle. This will be the focus of the Committee's discussion in December. The Committee considered and voted on four action items: Establishment of Endowed Chairs and Professorships at UMass Amherst and UMass Chan Medical School, Doc. T24-048; Quarterly Capital Report (including UMBA Project Update) and Approval of Changes to the Approved Capital Projects List, Vote 2 Traditional Project (Amherst, North Campus Energy Exchange Center, Doc. T23-047, as amended; Approval of Utility

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Easement at UMass Boston, Doc. T24-038; and Authorization to Submit the University's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request, Doc. T24-039. All action items were approved and placed on the consent agenda. The Committee also met in Executive Session to discuss several matters.

**Report of the Athletics Committee**

Trustee Brunelle reported that the Athletics Committee met on Monday, September 16, 2024. President Meehan gave his report where he highlighted a few of the accomplishments of each campus for the 2023-2024 school year. There was one informational item. Chancellor Chen introduced UMass Lowell's new Athletic Director, Lynn Coutts. The Committee then voted to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the NCAA v. House proposed settlement and other legal issues affecting college athletics.

**Report of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs**

Trustee Paris Jeffries reported that the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs met on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. President Meehan gave his report followed by remarks from Senior Vice President Subbaswamy. The Committee considered and voted on three action items: Amendments to the Graduate Student Senate Constitution and a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering both at UMass Amherst, as well as Appointments to Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs at UMass Chan Medical School. The action items were voted for inclusion in the Consent Agenda for full Board action today. There was one discussion item. Deputy Vice President Walker and the Vice Chancellors of Student Affairs from each campus gave an informative presentation on student life and campus engagement across the UMass System. The Committee then voted to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering four action items: Appointments with Tenure, Awards of Tenure, Transfer of Tenure and Honorary Degrees. The tenure items were also voted for inclusion in the Consent Agenda for full Board action.

**Consent Agenda**

Chairman Karam stated that on September 18, 2024 the Committee on Administration and Finance approved and voted to place their action items 1-4 on the Consent Agenda and the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs approved and voted to place their action items 5-10 on the Consent Agenda for Board approval today. He then asked for a motion to approve items 1-10 on the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Trustee O'Brien and seconded by Trustee Colella. Chairman Karam asked for questions or comments.

With none, the Secretary called the roll. Chairman Karam voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Burns; Trustees Brunelle, Colella, Delgado, Maguire Keches, Nicum, O'Brien, Okwara, Osa-Agbontaen, Paris Jeffries, Tolman and Tutwiler. Trustee Wu's vote was not heard.

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

The Committee on Administration and Finance will approve items 1-4 on September 18, 2024.

**1. Establishment of Endowed Professorships and Chairs, UMass Amherst, Chan Medical School, Doc. T24-048**

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

The Marieb Endowed Professor of Nursing and Engineering Innovation at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, to establish the following:

The UMass Memorial Ledwith Chair in Family and Community Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The UMass Memorial Kaur Chair in Anesthesia and Perioperative Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The UMass Memorial Chair in Radiology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The UMass Memorial Chair in Neurology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The UMass Memorial Chair in Radiation Oncology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The Joseph D. Early Chair in Biomedical Research at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The Jack M. Wilson Chair in Biomedical Research at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The UMass Chan Medical School Chair in Biomedical Research I at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The UMass Chan Medical School Chair in Biomedical Research II at UMass Chan Medical School.

The Endowed Chair in Biochemistry and Molecular Biotechnology I at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The Endowed Chair in Biochemistry and Molecular Biotechnology II at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The Paul J. DiMare Chair in Neurodegenerative Disease at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

**2. Approval of Changes to the Capital Projects List; Vote 2 Traditional Project (Amherst, North Campus Energy Exchange Center), Doc. T23-047, as amended**

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

Campus	Project Name	Vote 1	Vote 2	Funding Sources	
				Local Funding	External Funding
Amherst	North Campus Energy Exchange Center	24,000,000	30,000,000	22,000,000	8,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$24,000,000</b>	<b>\$30,000,000</b>	<b>\$22,000,000</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>

**3. Approval of Utility Easement, UMass Boston, Doc. T24-038**

WHEREAS, the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees Policy T93-122, as amended, establishes that in order to allow for adequate review and analysis, Campus proposals for all dispositions of University Real Estate must be presented to the Board of Trustees for informational purposes at one meeting and presented at a later meeting for the Board of Trustees' approval.

AND WHEREAS, on May 22, 2024, UMass Boston presented to the Committee on Administration and Finance an informational item on the potential grant of an easement to National Grid to facilitate the delivery of utilities or services to nearby properties.

It is now recommended that the Board of Trustees take the following actions:

Subject to the authorities and contingencies specified herein, to approve the grant of an easement to National Grid in, on, over and under the parcel of University property shown in the vicinity of Bianculli Boulevard and Morrissey Boulevard in the City of Boston on a preliminary plan of land and attached hereto as Attachment A, for the right of access for long-term access to natural gas supply equipment; and

To authorize the President, with authority to further delegate to the Chancellor of the Boston campus, for and on behalf of the University of Massachusetts, to do and perform any and all acts and things which may be necessary to effectuate this grant of the easement. This authority includes but is not limited to, preparing, making and filing of plans, applications, reports and other documents; the execution, acceptance, delivery and recordation of agreements, deeds and other instruments pertaining to the easement on said property, as well as cooperating with any legislative action to effect said transfer if such action is deemed necessary. The grant of the easement specified herein shall not be effective until all other legal authorizations have been completed, and upon any necessary legislative action by the General Court authorizing the grant of the easement.

**4. Authorization to Submit the University's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request, Doc. T24-039**

To authorize the President to prepare and submit the University's Fiscal Year 2026 State Budget request per the Board's Governance policy (T73-098).

The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs will approve items 5-10 on September 18, 2024.

**5. Amendments to the Graduate Student Senate Constitution, UMass Amherst, Doc. T12-001, as amended**

To approve the amendments to the Graduate Student Senate Constitution at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

**6. Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering, UMass Amherst, Doc. T24-045**

To approve the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

**7. Appointments to Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs, UMass Chan Medical School, Doc. T24-048**

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor M. Diane McKee as the inaugural holder of the UMass Memorial Ledwith Chair in Family and Community Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor J. Matthias Walz as the inaugural holder of the UMass Memorial Kaur Chair in Anesthesia and Perioperative Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Max Rosen as the inaugural holder of the UMass Memorial Chair in Radiology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor A.M. (Anna Mariya) Barrett as the inaugural holder of the UMass Memorial Chair in Neurology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Thomas J. Fitzgerald as the inaugural holder of the UMass Memorial Chair in Radiation Oncology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Fernando J. Martinez as the inaugural holder of the Joseph D. Early Chair in Biomedical Research at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Anil Chandraker as the inaugural holder of the Jack M. Wilson Chair in Biomedical Research at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.



To concur with the President in the appointment of Associate Professor Dorothy P. Schafer as the inaugural holder of the UMass Chan Medical School Chair in Biomedical Research I at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Paul R. Thompson as the inaugural holder of the Endowed Chair in Biochemistry and Molecular Biotechnology I at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Oliver Rando as the inaugural holder of the Endowed Chair in Biochemistry and Molecular Biotechnology II at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Daryl A. Bosco as the inaugural holder of the Paul J. DiMare Chair in Neurodegenerative Disease at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Stephenie C. Lemon to the Barbara Helen Smith Chair of Preventive and Behavioral Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

**8. Appointments with Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Doc. T24-042**

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Fouad Abd-El Khalick in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Hongsoo Choi, in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Associate Professor Chang Liu, in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Associate Professor Calvin Nite, in the Department of Sport Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Associate Professor Derrais Carter in the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Patricia Janulewicz Lloyd in the Department of Urban Public Health at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Carol Thornber in the School for the Environment at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

**9. Awards of Tenure, UMass Lowell, Chan Medical School, Doc. T24-049**

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

**Lowell** Paul Bryce, Kennedy College of Sciences

**Chan Medical School** Jennifer Tjia, T.H. Chan School of Medicine  
Honghuang Lin, T.H. Chan School of Medicine  
Dohoon Kim, T.H. Chan School of Medicine  
Megan Kelly, T.H. Chan School of Medicine

**10. Transfer of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Lowell, Doc. T24-043**

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

**Amherst** Associate Professor Justin Gross from the Department of Political Science to the School of Public Policy.

**Lowell** Associate Professor Sabrina Noel from the Department of Biomedical & Nutritional Sciences to the Department of Public Health.

**Other Business: Department of Defense, Exclusion from Personnel Clearance Requirements, Doc. T24-047**

Chairman Karam asked for a motion to approve the Department of Defense, Exclusion from Personnel Clearance Requirements, Doc. T24-047. This is a routine item updating new trustees on the exclusion list from personnel clearance requirement. It was moved by Trustee Maguire Keches and seconded by Trustee Paris Jeffries. Chairman Karam asked for questions or comments.

With none, the Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chairman Karam voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Burns; Trustees Brunelle, Colella, Delgado, Maguire Keches, Nicum, O'Brien, Okwara, Osa-Agbontaen, Paris Jeffries, Tolman and Tutwiler.

**VOTED:** WHEREAS, current Department of Defense Regulations contain a provision making it mandatory that the Chairman of the Board, the President, and the designated Facility Security Officer meet the personnel clearance requirements established for a contractor's facility clearance; and

WHEREAS, said Department of Defense Regulations permit the exclusion from the personnel clearance requirements of certain members of the Board of Trustees and other officers, provided that this action is recorded in the minutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED that the Chairman of the Board, the President, and the designated Facility Security Officer at the present time do possess, or will be processed for, the required security clearance; and

BE IT RESOLVED that in the future, when any individual enters upon any duties as Chairman of the Board, the President, or the designated Facility Security Officer, such individual shall immediately make application for the required security clearance; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the following members of the Board of Trustees and other officers shall not have, and can be effectively excluded from access to all classified information in the possession of the corporation and do not occupy positions that would enable them to affect adversely policies or practices in the performance of classified contracts for the Department of Defense or the User Agencies of its Industrial Security Program:

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>
David M. Brunelle	Trustee
Mary L. Burns	Trustee
Gerald G. Colella	Trustee
José M. Delgado	Trustee
Robert Epstein	Trustee
Gent A. Haviari	Trustee
Robert Lewis, Jr.	Trustee
Ann M. Maguire Keches	Trustee
Stephanie A. Nicum	Trustee
Michael V. O'Brien	Trustee
Noreen C. Okwara	Trustee
Felicity B. Oliveira	Trustee
Elizabeth I. Osa-Agbontaen	Trustee
Imari K. Paris Jeffries	Trustee
Julie N. Ramos Gagliardi	Trustee
Abigail Raymond	Trustee
Elizabeth D. Scheibel	Trustee
Joseph C. Sullivan	Trustee
Steven A. Tolman	Trustee
Patrick Tutwiler	Trustee
Charles F. Wu	Trustee

**Executive Session Announcement**

Chairman Karam asked for a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law necessitating confidentiality, as permitted under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30, Section 21a, Purpose (7), See Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 75, Section 4, subsection (1) regarding awards of honorary degrees for UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell since an open meeting may compromise the purpose for which the executive session is being called and have a detrimental effect on the University.

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

The Secretary called the roll. Chairman Karam voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Burns; Trustees Brunelle, Colella, Delgado, Maguire Keches, Nicum, O'Brien, Okwara, Osa-Agbontaen, Paris Jeffries, Tolman and Tutwiler.

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The time was 9:35 a.m.

Chelsey L. Burke  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees