Chair Thomas convened the meeting at 5:06 p.m. and reviewed the meeting’s agenda to consider Honorary Degrees. Chair Thomas also spoke of the tragic Boston Marathon events of April 15th and the effect that it had on students and staff across the UMass system. He then described the UMass Rising event, the kick-off of the Amherst capital campaign and congratulated the Board on 100 percent participation in giving.

Chair Thomas then announced that two new members have joined the Board: David Fubini and James Buonomo.

President Caret provided an update on the budget, remarking that the Governor and the House embraced the 50/50 Plan and it would now move on to the Senate.

Chair Thomas also congratulated the Lowell campus on their “Frozen Four” accomplishments.

Chair Thomas then asked the Board to vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 75, Section 4 for the purpose of considering Honorary Degrees at UMass Lowell and UMass Worcester and to discuss information protected under Chapter 4, s. 7(c, d and f) and under 20 U.S.C 1232g, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21(7). Chair Thomas stated that the Board would not reconvene in Open Session.
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It was moved and seconded and the Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no to enter into Executive Session for those purposes listed. Chair Thomas voted for the motion as did Vice Chair King-Shaw and Trustees Campbell, Carpman, Encarnacion, Gomez, Lee, Mullan, Quattrochi, Woolridge and Ms. Lee (representing Trustee Malone).

The time was 5:25 p.m.

Kate Wilkinson  
Staff Assistant