UNIVERSITY SYSTEM of MARYLAND

**BOARD OF REGENTS**
**Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare**
March 27, 2026
Meeting via Video and Conference Call

Minutes of the Public Session

Regent Gonella called the meeting of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order in public session at 1:00 p.m.

Regents participating in the session included: Mr. Gonella (Chair), Ms. Gooden, Mr. McMillen, Mr. Wood, Ms. Blount, Ms. Edwards, Ms. Rivera-Forbes and Mr. Mirani. Also participating were Chancellor Perman, Senior Vice Chancellors Herbst and Wrynn; Vice Chancellor Mosca; Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Norris; Associate Vice Chancellor Denson; Chief of Staff Wilkerson, and Senior Counsel to USM Boyle. In attendance were Athletic Directors Eigenbrot, Polizzi, Stevenson, Owens, Smith, Carter and Tucker; Interim Athletic Director Williams; and other members of the USM community and the public.

Regent Gonella offered remarks on the passing of Clyde Doughty from Bowie State University, honoring him as a deeply respected leader whose service beginning in 2015 included roles as Athletics Director and Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation, during which he advanced facilities and led programs to significant competitive success. His distinguished career, leadership within the CIAA, commitment to student mentorship, and lasting impact on the university community were acknowledged with appreciation, and the Board noted that he will be greatly missed.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2025 (Action)

Regent Gonella asked the committee members to move that the minutes from November 19, 2025 be approved.

**The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare has recommended that the Board of Regents grant approval of meeting minutes to be approved.**
(Regents Gonella moved recommendation, seconded by Regent Wood; approved)
Vote Count = Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

2. Presentation on Gambling Trends and Compliance Issues by NCAA Representatives (Information)

Regent Gonella introduced Clint Hangebrauck, Managing Director of Enterprise Risk Management for the NCAA and Dr. Carey Wheelhouse, Director of Health Promotion in the NCAA Sport Science Institute, who presented gambling trends and compliance issues, including the effects these activities can have on the student-athletes' well-being.

Regent McMillen asked about the discrepancy between the current survey results and the 2023 report regarding the percentage of males who gamble and inquired about what actions schools are talking to address gambling. Mr. Hangebrauck explained that the current survey focuses on the student population overall, rather than exclusively on student athletes. Dr. Wheelhouse added that gambling is a widespread issue affecting students across all schools, not just within athletics and emphasized the importance of a systemwide approach to addressing the issue.

Regent Wood noted that a number of consequences have emerged following the Supreme Court's decision and asked whether there has been any consideration for raising these unintended consequences with the Court and requesting reconsideration. Mr. Hangebrauck responded that he had not heard of any such efforts but indicated that he could raise the issue with their government relations team and follow up on whether this is something they could pursue. Regent Wood also asked that the USM seek an opinion from the appellate division of the OAG of the State of Maryland to evaluate whether going back to the supreme court to address the unintended consequences of the decisions is a feasible option.

3. Mid-Year Athletic Directors' Updates – Rotating – CSU, FSU (Information)

Regent Gonella informed the Committee members they would hear from two athletic directors on their perspectives on current issues. The presentations are intended to be informative and keep the committee abreast of current challenges and impacts felt on the ground at the institutions including but not limited to student health and safety, academic performance and progress, and financial affairs of their programs. AD Carter presented from CSU and AD Stevenson from FSU.

Chancellor Perman raised questions about the transfer portal, including its pros and cons, and sought reassurance that academic considerations, particularly the transferability of student credits are being addressed, noting concerns that this issue may be overlooked. AD Carter responded that credit transfer is a part of the discussion, but acknowledged that students are transferring more frequently while campuses are still held accountable for APR. As a result, campuses have measures in place to support academic success, and although transfer students go through the standard admissions process, some are denied admission because they do not meet eligibility requirements.

Regent Wood asked about the robustness of the transfer portal, including transfer admission and the likelihood of credit acceptance. AD Carter responded that Admissions reviews each transcript to determine acceptable credits, with decisions varying by prior institution and major, and noted that some applicants are denied. Ms. Herbst clarified that transfer decisions follow the standard admissions process for all students, not just student athletes, and are managed by the admissions

office. Dr. Wrynn noted that campuses can analyze credit loss among transferring students but emphasized that students must present sufficient acceptable credits to be admitted.

Regent Mirani asked about the role of student advisory groups, including the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), their coordination with student government and campus committees, and whether there are codified roles or policies related to student-athlete involvement in policy discussions. AD Rubin responded that efforts are made to include student athletes by meeting with them to discuss plans and address their concerns, as well as by encouraging SAAC participation in local community engagement to identify needs and ways to contribute.

4. Internal Audit Summary of Intercollegiate Athletics (Information)

Regent Gonella introduced Mr. Mosca, who provided a general overview of what Internal Audit examines when auditing ICA and offered remarks recognizing his retirement, noting his leadership of the University System of Maryland's Office of Internal Audit since 2005 and his longstanding service as Vice Chancellor for Accountability. His commitment to transparency, accountability, and sound governance was acknowledged, and best wishes were extended for his retirement effective June 1.

Regent McMillen raised concerns regarding potential gender-related lawsuits, noting that some schools question whether House settlement allocations should align with athlete demographics rather than a 90/10 split, and asked whether this presents a future legal risk and whether institutions are setting aside litigation reserves. Mr. Mosca responded that the primary risk lies in financial exposure, citing disparities in revenue between men's and women's sports, particularly basketball. He expressed concern that equal revenue-sharing approaches under Title IX could pose significant legal risk and that the current treatment of female athletes in revenue sharing and NIL may lead to future litigation.

Regent Mirani asked what resources, training, or best practices are available to help make the concept of "culture" more tangible. Mr. Mosca responded that culture change is challenging, particularly with long-tenured coaches, while newer coaches are generally more receptive to training. He emphasized the importance of clearly defining expectations, strong leadership, and setting the "tone at the top," noting that leadership must model priorities, follow through on issues, and address problems consistently to establish and sustain culture.

5. Financial Condition and Results of Intercollegiate Athletic Programs (Information)

Regent Wood raised questions regarding the report showing approved budget adjustments, noting his assumption that funds used to offset athletic program shortfalls came from outside athletics and asking for clarification on their source. Ms. Herbst explained that the funds came from campus general funds, prompting Mr. Wood to question whether those funds had specific allocations and which programs might be impacted by transfers to athletics, including concerns about who may be losing funding as a result. Citing UMCP's report, Regent Wood observed that it routinely exceeds its fund balance goals and described those balances as institutional savings.

Ms. Herbst stated that these funds are allocated at the president's discretion, noting that some programs generate margins while others do not and emphasizing that presidents determine internal spending priorities rather than "taking away" funds. Regent Gonella clarified that such decisions are made by campus presidents, not USM, after which Mr. Wood asked how presidential performance should be evaluated in relation to these allocation decisions.

Regent McMillen requested a cumulative view of operating deficits in order to gain a clearer understanding of their overall impact. Ms. Herbst responded that this information could be reviewed through the institution's fund balance and noted, in response to Mr. McMillen's request to examine data over a ten-year period, that such an analysis has been conducted previously.

The public meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regent Geoff J. Gonella
Chair, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare