



**MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
August 21, 2025**

Members Present: B. Lord, Chair
T. Bernard
J. Clarke-Mitchell
Y. Spicer
Member Absent: D. Rodowicz
Staff Present: J. Birge, President
K. Kozak, Clerk

As allowed by executive order of the Governor of Massachusetts, in compliance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30 and 15A, Section 9, and with a quorum present in person and via audio/video-conference, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees with Chair Lord presiding was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

Review of potential HD candidates – Chair Lord noted that we have two recommendations so far and are looking for a third and a speaker. If there are any other suggestions please forward to the Chair and President. President Birge detailed the process for determining recipients and presented two candidates for consideration for Honorary Degrees. Dr. Grant had been recommended last year and had a scheduling conflict. She is available this year.

Mohan Boodram is also a candidate. President Birge noted that Mr. Boodram was an excellent partner in managing the college and as chair including during the pandemic. There is a good synergy between Dr. Grant and Mr. Boodram as they worked together closely.

Chair Lord then requested a motion to go into Executive Session under purpose #2 - To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; and to not reconvene Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Upon a roll call vote it was unanimously:

VOTED: To go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to

discuss contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; and to not reconvene Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Chair Lord then directed the meeting to enter Executive Session. We will adjourn directly from Executive Session and will not resume Open Session. She also directed Ms. Kozak to remain and record minutes of the Executive Session. Dr. Birge remained to address the Committee.

The Committee adjourned directly from Executive Session and did not return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Kozak
Clerk