



**Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of September 17, 2020**  
**Murdock Hall Room 208**  
**Audio/Video Conference**

**Members in Attendance**

Mohan Boodram, Chair  
Brenda Burdick, Vice Chair  
JD Chesloff  
Karen Kowalczyk  
Robert Reilly

**Others in Attendance**

James Birge, President  
Lisa Lescarbeau, Clerk

Upon establishing a quorum of the Executive Committee Members present, Chair Boodram called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. noting the sole item on the agenda for this session was the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between MCLA and MCLA Foundation, Inc.

President Birge provided an overview of the MOU that is historically reviewed and resigned every five years. MCLA cannot hold its own endowment, and as such, requires a separate organization with its own board: MCLA Foundation, Inc. The Foundation’s bylaws are clear in its purpose: to support the educational activities of MCLA through scholarships, property and asset allocation and development.

Trustee Marshall serves as a representative of MCLA’s Board of Trustees on the Foundation’s Board, and MCLA’s Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Robert Ziomek, serves as the President of the Foundation.

The MOU, as presented, holds no changes from the prior MOU by and between MCLA and the Foundation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, following a roll call vote, it was unanimously;

**VOTED:** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Foundation, Inc. as presented.

## **Adjournment**

In closing, Chair Boodram informed the Trustees of his intention to mention the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education's racial equity agenda and asked Trustees to be mindful of the BHE goals in committee and board meetings.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.