

USM Board of Regents Unanimous Approval: MGIC Authorization for International Operations (Dec. 3, 2025)

The section below is an excerpt from the official minutes of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents Committee meeting held on December 3, 2025. During this meeting, the committee voted unanimously to approve the *University of Maryland, Baltimore: Authorization of Maryland Global Initiatives Corporation to Support International Operations of Other USM Institutions* (action item).

For more information, please refer to the official meeting minutes document found on the USM Board of Regents website. This action appears in the [Board of Regents Committee on Finance – Public and Closed Session Minutes, December 3, 2025](#) (page 4).

5. University of Maryland, Baltimore: Authorization of Maryland Global Initiatives Corporation to Support International Operations of other USM Institutions (action)

The Finance Committee considered a request from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, to authorize the Maryland Global Initiatives Corporation (MGIC) to support international operations of other University System of Maryland institutions. It was noted that the Board of Regents established the Maryland Global Initiatives Corporation in 2009 to provide the University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the operational capacity to conduct work overseas in ways that State systems cannot support. MGIC has since become a critical resource for UMB's international research, education, and public service activities, enabling the university to operate safely and efficiently abroad, manage risk, process international transactions, and engage foreign vendors and partners that cannot be accommodated through State mechanisms.

The committee was advised that other USM institutions are now encountering similar operational challenges in their global engagement efforts and have expressed interest in utilizing MGIC's services. UMB is proposing that MGIC offer these services through a service-center model overseen by the MGIC Board and administered by UMB's Division of International Operations. Participating institutions would pay the direct costs associated with the services they use. It was noted that the alternative would be for each institution to establish its own affiliated business entity, which would be less efficient and more costly.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Regents authorize MGIC to provide international services to other USM institutions to support their global initiatives.

(Regent Gooden moved recommendation, seconded by Regent Gonella; approved)

Vote Count = Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0