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# Contract vote split

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Warrensburg – A Sunshine Law request filed with the University of Central Missouri produced the breakdown on the vote against renewing President **Aaron Podolefsky's** contract.

The board took the vote Oct. 2 and released the outcome seven days later, without saying how members voted. After the Star-Journal requested the information, UCM staff revealed the board voted 4-3 against renewal.

Board members **Mary Long**, **Lawrence Fick** and **Deleta Williams** voted to renew the contract.

Board members **Weldon Brady**,  
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**Walter Hicklin, Richard Phillips and Edward Baker** voted against contract renewal.

Board members offered no reason for voting either for or against the contract.

The Star-Journal also raised a question about whether the board followed Missouri law regarding when the contract decision became public. The board waited for a week after the decision – with Homecoming weekend coming in-between – before releasing news about

how the board voted.

The board representative responded, “The Sunshine Law subsection you refer to, 610.021(3), states in summary that any vote on a final decision shall be made available with a record of how each member voted to the public within 72 hours of the close of the meeting. Such record was in fact made available to the public within 72 hours, however such record was not requested until Oct. 13, 2009. Accordingly, there has been no violation of the Sunshine Law.”