



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Room S109
In-person or via Zoom Webinar • Webinar ID: 981 6208 7514
January 24, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER–PUBLIC VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Board Chair Brintnall called a brief public meeting to order at 5:54 p.m. for the sole purpose of voting to go into closed session. A roll call of trustees was taken to establish a quorum.

B. ROLL CALL–PUBLIC VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Trustees Present: Trustee Michael A. Brintnall, Chair
 Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, First Vice Chair
 Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Second Vice Chair
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
 Trustee Annice Cody
 Trustee Judy Docca
 Trustee Omar A. Lazo
 Trustee Robert F. Levey
 Trustee Maricé I. Morales
 Trustee Rishi G. Nixon

C. MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

Board Chair Brintnall announced that pursuant to the General Provisions Article 3-305(b), the meeting would be closed only to:

- Discuss one personnel matter – subsection 1,
- consider matters related to collective bargaining negotiations with AAUP, AFSCME, and SEIU – subsection 9, and
- conduct three administrative functions.

Trustee Aparicio Blackwell made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

No members of the public had any objections to closing the meeting.

Statutory authority	Topic description	Persons present for discussion	Action Taken
3-305(b) Subsection 1	To discuss one personnel matter related to the president's performance evaluation	Trustees; president	Information only. No action taken.

3-305(b) Subsection 9	To consider matters related to collective bargaining negotiations with AAUP, AFSCME, and SEIU	Trustees; president; chief of staff/chief strategy officer; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No action taken.
Administrative Functions	To conduct administrative functions related to the board's FY24 goals and trustee self-assessment; discuss board liaison roles; and discuss executive committee structure and roles	Trustees; president; chief of staff/chief strategy officer; board staff	Information only. No action taken.

1. CONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees re-convened at 7:32 p.m. on January 24, 2024, in room S109 of the Central Services Building, located at 9211 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its January meeting. The public was invited to participate in person or via Zoom teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Trustee Michael A. Brintnall, Chair
 Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, First Vice Chair
 Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Second Vice Chair
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
 Trustee Annice Cody
 Trustee Omar A. Lazo
 Trustee Robert F. Levey
 Trustee Maricé I. Morales
 Trustee Rishi G. Nixon

Trustee Absent: Trustee Judy Docca

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the public meeting agenda. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED FY25 OPERATING BUDGET

Trustee Aparicio Blackwell made a motion to open the public hearing of the Proposed FY25 Operating Budget. Trustee Levey seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no speakers to provide comments at the hearing.

Trustee Levey made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS

A. President's Report

Dr. Williams welcomed everyone to the January 2024 board meeting and reported that spring semester classes have begun. He noted that several trustees were in attendance at the recent Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship breakfast and the Maryland Association of Community Colleges annual conference.

With news of faculty, staff, and students, Dr. Williams congratulated MC student Meliane Kapmeni, who has been selected for an internship with State Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins. Ms. Kapmeni will serve in the Maryland General Assembly from January to April in Annapolis. Dr. Williams also reported that college faculty returned from winter break last week, but the annual spring meeting had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Dr. Williams commended faculty and staff, who participated in the professional development activities with vigor, despite the weather.

Dr. Williams offered a warm welcome to the College's new senior vice president for academic affairs/college provost, Dr. Deidre Price. He indicated that Dr. Price arrived on January 2 and has hit the ground running, actively engaging in meeting colleagues, touring facilities, and even representing the College at a dual enrollment event.

With news of recent events, Dr. Williams reported that the College hosted a public conversation on community-informed policing on the Rockville Campus. The event was led by MC Criminal Justice Professor Sonia Pruitt, director of the Community-Informed Policing Program. In other news, Dr. Williams reported that Governor Wes Moore has asked him to serve on a new Equitech Growth Commission. The commission will oversee the Maryland Technology Development Corporation Equitech Growth Fund, which was created by legislation last April.

Dr. Williams indicated that several policies were due for consideration on the board's public agenda that evening. He stated that they are part of the policy review process effort, in which the College will review every policy at least once during the College's reaccreditation cycle—which is a standard that the Board approved just last November. He indicated that this review effort has already given us the opportunity to assure that policies are fully up to date and relevant for our current needs.

Concluding his report, Dr. Williams thanked the staff in our Facilities Department and Public Safety Department who have monitored weather reports and tended to the College's parking lots, sidewalks, roadways, and buildings throughout the recent inclement weather. He thanked them for their dedication and hard work to maintain our College and keep us all safe.

B. Committee and Liaison Reports

i. Student Success and Economic Impact Committee

Committee Chair Morales reported that the Student Success and Economic Impact Committee met on January 11 to receive updates and information on several topics, including Lumens, a new registration system for Workforce Development and Continuing Education; and Lightcast, a labor market data tool. The committee also heard reports on Achieving the Promise Academy, the College's Dual Enrollment Programs, the Learning Centers, and the Libraries. The meeting wrapped up with an update on the East County Education Center (ECEC). Chair Morales reported that the committee looks forward to hearing more about the ECEC at their meeting in March.

ii. Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee

Committee Chair Lazo reported that the Budget and Financial Sustainability Committee met on January 18. At that meeting, the Committee received a preview of the proposed FY25 Current, Enterprise, and Other Funds Budgets, also known as the operating budget. Committee Chair Lazo thanked Mr. Collette, Ms. Greaney, and their staff for their work in putting together a responsible budget and expressed the committee's support for it. Committee Chair Lazo reported that the budget would be presented to the full board later that evening for a vote.

iii. Alumni Association Liaison's Report

Trustee Nixon, liaison to the Alumni Association Board of Governors, reported that a business meeting was held remotely on Thursday, January 18, which he joined while on vacation in India at 4:00 a.m. local time. Trustee Nixon reported that at the meeting, the Alumni Board heard several presentations, including a Legislative Outlook by Ms. Amy Tutt, the President's Report by Mr. Jon Pointer, a review of financial statements by Ms. Anita Powell, and several committee updates. Trustee Nixon stated that the next meeting of the Alumni Board of Governors will take place on March 21.

C. Chair's Report

Board Chair Brintnall opened his report with thanks to all College staff who put together the FY25 operating budget, which would be presented later in the meeting. He gave special recognition to Mr. Collette, Ms. Liz Greaney, and their staff.

With news of recent events, Board Chair Brintnall reported that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Scholarship Breakfast, sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, was held on January 15 at the Bethesda North Marriot Conference Center. On January 22, the Maryland Association of Community Colleges Trustee Leadership Conference and Legislative Reception was held in Annapolis, and that Association of Community College Trustees National Legislative Summit would take place on February 4 through 7. Board Chair Brintnall thanked all trustees who attended or are planning to attend.

Concluding his report, Board Chair Brintnall thanked and acknowledged the service of Dr. Sharon Fechter, for serving in an interim role as the senior vice president for academic affairs. He also commended Dr. Williams for his appointment to the Equitech Growth Commission.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

December 12, 2023 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes
Personnel Actions Confirmation Report

BR#24-01-027

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. POLICY MATTERS

BR#24-01-028

Modification of Policy 42001–Student Code of Conduct

BR#24-01-029

Modification of Policy 42002–Campus Behavioral Intervention Teams

BR#24-01-030

Modification of Policy 43001–Student Financial Aid

BR#24-01-031

Modification of Policy 43002–Board of Trustees Student Grants and Scholarships

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the four policy matters. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. ACADEMIC MATTERS

BR#24-01-032

Modification of Database Systems Certificate

BR#24-01-033

Creation of the Psychology Associate of Arts

Trustee Aparicio Blackwell made a motion to approve the two academic matters. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. CHANGE ORDER

BR#24-01-034

Change Order, Sole Source Award of Contract, Continuation of Collegewide Maintenance and Inspection Program for Ammonia Chillers

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the change order. Trustee Levey seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10. FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

BR#24-01-035

The Montgomery College Facilities Master Plan

Mr. Sherwin Collette provided a presentation overview of the Facilities Master Plan for 2023-2033.

Trustee Aparicio Blackwell made a motion to approve the Facilities Master Plan. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11. BUDGET MATTER

BR#24-01-036

The Proposed FY25 Current, Enterprise, and Other Funds Budgets

Mr. Collette and Ms. Greaney presented an overview of the proposed FY25 current, enterprise, and other funds budgets.

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the budget matter. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the board.

13. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Aparicio Blackwell noted a presentation given at the Maryland Association of Community Colleges Trustee Leadership Conference that included data for boards to consider.

Board Chair Brintnall also noted a presentation given at the same conference by Dr. Lara Dawson Ulrich of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, prompting the question of how community colleges define success.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Aparicio Blackwell made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Lazo seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Signature on file

Dr. Michael A. Brintnall
Chair, Board of Trustees

Signature on file

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams
President and Secretary-Treasurer,
Board of Trustees

Recorder: Lily Lee
Approved on: February 12, 2024