



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
Board Room, Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Room 109
In-person Public Participation or via Zoom Webinar • Webinar ID:992 8754 0299
October 14, 2024

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

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell called a brief public meeting to order at 6:15 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 Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Chair
Trustee Annice Cody, First Vice Chair (joined online)
Trustee Omar Lazo, Second Vice Chair
Trustee Michael A. Brintnall
Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
Trustee Marvin Dickerson
Trustee David Hill
Trustee Robert F. Levey
Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa

Trustee Absent: Trustee Maricé I. Morales

C. MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

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

- discuss one matter related to an organization locating, expanding, or remaining in the State of Maryland—subsection 4;
- discuss one matter related to collective bargaining negotiation matters—subsection 9;
- discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct—subsection 12; and
- conduct administrative functions related to the board's retreat.

Trustee Hill made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Lazo 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 4	discuss a partnership proposal for PIC MC related to locating, expanding, or remaining in the State of Maryland	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff; executive director of PIC MC	Information only. No official action taken.
3-305(b) Subsection 9	discuss collective bargaining matters in preparation of negotiations	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.
3-305(b) Subsection 12	discuss an investigative proceeding related to the closure of the College	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff; director of public safety, health, and emergency management	Information only. No official action taken.
3-301 Administrative Function	conduct an administrative function related to follow-up to the 2024 fall retreat	Trustees	Information only. No official action taken.

1. CONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees re-convened at 7:54 p.m. on October 14, 2024, in the Board Room of the Central Services Building, located at 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its September meeting. The public was invited to participate in person or via Zoom teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Chair
 Trustee Annice Cody, First Vice Chair (joined online)
 Trustee Omar Lazo, Second Vice Chair
 Trustee Michael A. Brintnall
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
 Trustee Marvin Dickerson
 Trustee David Hill
 Trustee Robert F. Levey
 Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa

Trustee Absent: Trustee Maricé I. Morales

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Dickerson made a motion to approve the public meeting agenda. Trustee Hill seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Williams welcomed everyone to the October meeting of the Board and Trustees and began his report with a highlight of the recent ribbon cutting event at the Catherine and Isiah Leggett Math and Science Building at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

In recognition of Montgomery College students, Dr. Williams proudly shared that Ms. Reem Saleh was selected by Glamour magazine as one of six college women of the year in STEM. In other news, Dr. Williams reported that announcements for the senior vice president for student affairs position has been posted, with Dr. Stephen Cain leading the search process. Dr. Williams continued his report with news of a Montgomery Moving Forward meeting he attended to discuss the future of collective impact within Montgomery County. He expressed appreciation to MC Pride & Allies group, who offered events at the College to honor LGBTQ+ History Month. Dr. Williams also noted that the College continues to encourage students and employees to vote, with the presence of ballot drop boxes in visible areas of campus.

Dr. Williams concluded his report with acknowledgment of the work of students, faculty, and staff in creating so many engaging events for Hispanic Heritage Month.

B. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

i. Montgomery College Alumni Association

Trustee Michelle Namugerwa, liaison to the Montgomery College Alumni Association, reported that a meeting was held on September 16. The Alumni Association Board of Governors had the opportunity to meet and engage with several scholarship recipients. They also received briefings on a personnel issue, the recent Leggett Building ribbon cutting event, and a fundraising partnership with Give-A-Hoot Comedy Club.

ii. Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee

Trustee Cody, chair of the Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee, reported that a meeting was held on October 3. The committee received a preview of the proposed FY26 Capital Budget request, as well as an overview of the operating budget development process. Committee members discussed the possibility of bringing back the risk assessment conducted by the Office of Compliance, Risk, and Ethics when reviewing operating and capital budgets.

iii. Community Engagement and Access Committee

Trustee Brissett Chapman, chair of the Community Engagement and Access Committee, reported that a meeting was held on October 7. The committee discussed the implementation of a survey to gain feedback on trustee community engagement roles and responsibilities; the purpose of trustee community engagement; how to make trustee community engagement more effective; and collaboration and partnership with the president.

iv. Student Success and Economic Impact Committee

The Student Success and Economic Impact Committee report was not given, due to the absence of Trustee Morales, committee chair.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell began her report with acknowledgment of the work of the board's committee chairs and the president's representatives as this year's committee meetings get underway.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell announced that the board would be continuing its conversations with faculty, staff, and students throughout this year. The first such engagement was during the board's Fall Retreat at Rockville. This evening, the board met with the members of the College Council for a Conversation with Constituents. Additional opportunities for constituent engagement would take place during the board's campus-based meetings on November 11 at the Germantown Campus; February 17 at the East County Education Center; and April 21 at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

Highlighting the recent Leggett Building Ribbon Cutting event on September 19, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported that the board was joined by many elected officials, members of the community, as well as faculty, staff, and students to mark this important moment in MC's history. She acknowledged Ms. Susan Madden and everyone who worked on this wonderful event.

With news of another recent event, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell noted that she and Trustee Lazo attended Cultura Y Sabor: A Latin Culinary Experience, which was held in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell concluded her report with news that Montgomery College has again been accepted to present at the upcoming Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress. The presentation topic is "How a Commitment to Inclusion and Belonging Strengthens Board Work."

5. CONSENT AGENDA

	September 16, 2024 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes
	September 16, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes
BR#25-10-006	Personnel Actions Confirmation Report

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Lazo seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. RECOGNITIONS

BR#25-10-007	Recognition of Retirees
BR#25-10-008	Award of Bronze Medallion to Professor Joanne Carl
BR#25-10-009	Award of Bronze Medallion to Dr. Roseli Ejzenberg
BR#25-10-010	Award of Bronze Medallion to Professor Ever Grier
BR#25-10-011	Award of Silver Medallion to Dr. Monica R.M. Brown
BR#25-10-012	Award of Silver Medallion to Dr. Sharon Ahern Fechter
BR#25-10-013	Award of Silver Medallion to Professor Mary Agnes Harrell
BR#25-10-014	Award of Silver Medallion to Dr. Ijeoma Otigbuo
BR#25-10-015	Naming of the Soccer Field on the Rockville Campus

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Dickerson seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. ACADEMIC MATTERS

- BR#25-10-016** **Deletion of Carpentry Certificate, Electrical Wiring Certificate, HVAC Certificate, and Residential Remodeling and Repair Certificate**
- BR#25-10-017** **Deletion of Digital Media and Web Technology AAS, Web Design Certificate, and Web Programming Certificate**
- BR#25-10-018** **Deletion of Radio AAS, Television AAS, Digital Media Production Certificate, and Broadcast Journalism Certificate**

Trustee Brintrnall made a motion to approve the academic matters. Trustee Hill seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. AWARDS OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

- BR#25-10-019** **Award of Contract, Defined Contribution Services (Supplemental Retirement Annuity Plans), Bid e924-008**
- BR#25-10-020** **Award of Contract, East County Campus Master Planning Consultant Services, Bid e924-012**

Trustee Hill made a motion to approve the awards of contract. Trustee Levey seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. POLICY MATTERS

- A. Policy 31004–Political Activity**
B. Policy 31104–Political Activity–President; Designated College Officials

These are information items.

10. BUDGET MATTER

The Proposed FY26 Biennial Capital Budget Request

Ms. Kristina Schramm, director of capital planning, design, and engineering, presented the proposed FY26 biennial capital budget request, as part of the six-year FY25–30 capital improvements program. The request includes 23 projects and totals \$184,941,000.

The FY26 Capital Budget request will be considered for action at the Board's meeting in November 2024.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Lazo commended Montgomery College staff for conducting a very good dual enrollment program presentation.

Trustee Aparicio Blackwell announced that she attended the Maryland Latino Legislative Caucus' celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus.

Trustee Chapman recognized Indigenous People's Day.

12. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

There were no trustee comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Dickerson made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Trustee Lazo seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Signature on file

Gloria Aparicio Blackwell
Chair, Board of Trustees

Signature on file

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

Recorder: Lily Lee

Approved on: November 11, 2024