



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
February 20, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery College met in open session on February 20, 2017, in the Board Room, Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland. The open session meeting was called to order by the chair at 8:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Ms. Marsha Suggs Smith, Chair
Mr. Michael J. Knapp, First Vice Chair
Ms. Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Second Vice Chair
Dr. Kenneth J. Hoffman, Trustee
Mr. Robert J. Hydorn, Trustee
Mr. Robert F. Levey, Trustee
Dr. Leslie S. Levine, Trustee
Mr. Benjamin Wu, Trustee

Trustees Absent: Mr. Michael Priddy, Trustee

Present Ex-Officio: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President and Secretary-Treasurer

Resource Staff Present: Dr. Monica Brown, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Stephen D. Cain, Chief of Staff/Chief Strategy Officer
Mr. Timothy Dietz, Acting General Counsel
Ms. Lily Lee, Board Relations Coordinator
Ms. Nancy Nuell, Associate Senior Vice President for Advancement and Community Engagement
Dr. Sanjay Rai, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Janet Wormack, Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Hydorn moved to approve the agenda; Trustee Wu seconded. The agenda was unanimously approved by the Board.

4. COMMENTS PERIOD

There were no speakers to come before the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. January 23, 2017 Closed Session**
- B. January 23, 2017 Open Session**

Trustee Hydorn moved to approve the minutes for January 23, 2017, closed and open sessions; Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

6. TRIBUTE

BR# 17-02-009

Tribute and Posthumous Award of Emerita Status to Dr. Uchechukwu Abanulo

Trustee Hydorn moved to approve the resolution. Trustee Hoffman seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Nawal Benmouna, department chair for science, engineering, and technology, delivered remarks and Dr. Pollard presented the family with a framed resolution.

7. FACILITIES MATTERS

A. BR#17-02-010

Naming of the Uchechukwu O. Abanulo Computer Laboratory in the Science Center on the Rockville Campus

B. BR#17-02-011

Naming of the Montgomery College Foundation Conference Room in the Central Services Building

Trustee Levine moved to approve the two naming resolutions. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BR#17-02-012 Personnel Actions Confirmation Report

B. Retirements

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| i. | BR#17-02-013 | Mr. Thomas M. Berry |
| ii. | BR#17-02-014 | Ms. Wendy C. Brown |
| iii. | BR#17-02-015 | Mr. Willie D. Crawford |
| iv. | BR#17-02-016 | Mr. Henry J. Dupree |
| v. | BR#17-02-017 | Ms. Catherine A. Greeves |
| vi. | BR#17-02-018 | Dr. Charles Marcantonio |
| vii. | BR#17-02-019 | Professor Bruce W. McGee |
| viii. | BR#17-02-020 | Ms. Karen A. Scrock |

On a motion to approve the consent agenda by Trustee Levine and a second by Trustee Hydorn, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

9. REPORTS

A. President's Report

Dr. Pollard provided comments on recent budget and advocacy events and informed the Board of progress in Achieving the Dream efforts.

Dr. Pollard commented on her written report, which focused on College facilities and how they are instrumental to the success of students. She reported on changes that have taken place in the last six years and how construction and renovations of College facilities are completed in an effort to optimize learning environments by thoughtful design and

consolidation of functions, thereby making registration processes easier for students. She noted that while there has been a 20 percent increase of space over the past six years, the College still has a space deficit and heavy deferred maintenance backlog.

Dr. Pollard shared a brief video that further highlighted the report on facilities.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Suggs Smith reported on recent events, including the Joint Boards meeting of Montgomery College, Montgomery County Public Schools, and the Universities at Shady Grove; the Board of Trustees' mid-year retreat; the constituent conversation with the College Council; several advocacy meetings; and the ACCT National Legislative Summit.

Trustees shared reports on their efforts on behalf of the College since the last Board meeting. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell reported the Educational Excellence Committee, and Trustee Levine reported on the activities of the Financial Sustainability Committee. Trustee Hoffman reported on his attendance of the Rockville Planning Commission meeting, and Trustee Levey reported on the need to introduce Montgomery College to those in the community who have never heard of us. Trustee Hydorn commented on the success of the Board's mid-year retreat.

C. Update on Middle States Self-Study

The co-chairs of the Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee, Dr. Eric Benjamin, Dr. Melissa Gregory, and Professor Tammy Peery, gave a summary of the activities that have taken place in fall 2016. These included listening sessions on all three campuses and off-site locations; focus group sessions and special sessions; and their attendance at the Middle States Commission on Higher Education annual meeting in Philadelphia.

They outlined the Self-Study process that is currently taking place in spring of 2017 and also gave an overview of planned activities for the summer and fall. Board action is expected in November 2017 for the compliance report and again in December for approval of the Self-Study.

10. COLLEGE POSITION STATEMENT

BR#17-02-021

Affirmation of Montgomery College Values

Trustee Hydorn moved to accept the position statement, Affirmation of Montgomery College Values. Trustee Knapp seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Hoffman to change the title and a sentence in the statement, and seconded by Trustee Wu. After discussion, the amendment was withdrawn in lieu of a modified amendment to strike the word "radical" in the title and body of the statement. Trustee Wu seconded the motion to strike the word. The motion was defeated with Trustees Levine, Hoffman, and Wu voting in favor of the amendment, and Trustees Aparicio Blackwell, Hydorn, Levey, and Knapp voting against the amendment.

The motion to accept the position statement as originally passed on a vote of 7-0, with Trustee Hoffman abstaining.

11. ACADEMIC MATTER

BR#17-02-022

Approval of the Bioinformatics Associate of Science Degree

Trustee Hydorn moved to approve the new bioinformatics degree and Trustee Knapp seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

12. AWARD OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

BR#17-02-023

Student Services Center Construction, Rockville Campus, Bid 617-005

Trustee Hydorn moved to approve the contract for construction of the Student Services Center on the Rockville Campus. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

13. BOARD MATTER

The Board's Fiscal Year 2018 calendar was presented as an information item. The Board will vote on the calendar during its March 2017 meeting.

14. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the board.

15. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Title 10-508, subject to Chapter 655 of the Laws of 1991, the chair announced that the Board voted unanimously to convene a closed session January 23, 2017, in room 318 of the Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:10 p.m. to discuss two personnel matters (subsection 1), a privacy matter (subsection 2), a facilities matter (subsection 3), a legal matter (subsection 7), two collective bargaining matters (subsection 9), and a security and compliance matter (subsections 10 and 13).

On a motion by Trustee Hydorn, and a second by Trustee Levey the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:58 p.m.

Signature on file

Marsha Suggs Smith
Chair, Board of Trustees

Signature on file

DeRionne P. Pollard, PhD
President and Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Recorder: Lily Lee