



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
February 22, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery College met in open session on February 22, 2016, in the Board Room, Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland. The open session meeting was called to order by the first vice chair at 8:35 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. Luis Rosales, Student Trustee
Mr. Benjamin Wu, Trustee

Present Ex-Officio:

Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President and Secretary-Treasurer

Absent:

Mr. Michael Priddy, Trustee

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. Arlean Graham, Board Relations Coordinator
Ms. Nancy Nuell, Acting 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; Second Vice Chair Aparicio Blackwell seconded, and 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. February 1, 2016 Closed Session

B. February 1, 2016 Open Session

Trustee Hydorn moved to approve the minutes for February closed and open sessions; First Vice Chair Knapp seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

6. REPORTS

A. President's Report

Dr. Pollard continued her report on Guided Pathways. As related to the book, *Redesigning America's Community Colleges: A Clearer Path to Student Success*, she took a look at engineering at Montgomery College. She noted that the MC engineering program is the largest at any community college in the nation with 1,500 students enrolled. It is the third largest major at the College and has 11 different engineering specialties available with mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering being the three most popular.

The program integrates key facets of technology, business, and leadership into the education of future engineers while also preparing them for transfer and, ultimately, for employment.

Dr. Pollard noted that best practices in several areas have allowed the program to double its enrollment over the last eight years while maintaining the standards that have won it national acclaim.

The report looked at how five aspects of the program have supported its success: highly trained faculty with links to industry, diligent advising, partnerships, extra-curricular opportunities, and an ambitious approach to funding for students and facilities.

Dr. Pollard presented a brief video about the engineering program.

Trustees commented on the wonderful program and the very organized list of courses, and asked for clarification on the transfer numbers and how the video would be used in the future.

Chair Smith thanked Dr. Pollard for her report.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Smith commented on the constituent conversation with College Council held earlier in the evening. Chair Smith invited Trustees to report on committee meetings and activities.

Second Vice Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported on the Academic, Student Support, and Workforce Committee, which met earlier in the afternoon. She noted that the committee heard information on College enrollment and student groups. Second Vice Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported on the MC Foundation board meeting and noted that some highlights of meeting focused on raising funds for scholarships, the golf tournament, and the annual fundraising goal.

Trustee Rosales reported on the Alumni Association meeting that he attended on February 4. He noted that most of the meeting discussion focused on county matters and funding for the College.

Trustee Wu reported on his attendance at the ACCT National Legislative Summit (NLS) and the work of the Diversity Committee.

Trustee Hoffman reported that he is continuing to explore the issue that is important to him, which is living near your work.

Trustee Levine reported that he has been on a very pleasant vacation.

First Vice Chair Knapp reported on his attendance at the February 8 ribbon cutting and building dedication ceremony for the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence's new facility in Rockville.

Trustee Hydorn reported that he has been ill.

Trustee Levey reported on his attendance at the NLS, a Leadership Montgomery meeting, a meeting with the mayor of Rockville, and a visit to Annapolis.

Chair Smith announced the upcoming joint boards meeting with USG Board of Advisors and the MCPS Board of Education on February 29.

Chair Smith reported that the Board just had a thorough discussion on a white paper that Dr. Pollard presented to them outlining a case for a chief diversity officer position at Montgomery College. Chair Smith noted that this would be a step forward for the College to move toward cultural inclusion and a way to examine diversity research models.

Second Vice Chair Aparicio Blackwell noted the importance of the position and how critical the diversity topic is for the College. The College must begin to formalize it as there is currently no safe place in the community to discuss diversity, and placing it in the higher education environment is a very good option.

Trustee Hydorn expressed the need to have a leadership position that focuses on diversity and thanked Dr. Pollard for bringing the paper forward.

First Vice Chair Knapp noted that this was a very timely conversation to have as there are elements and visages of racism at colleges. He noted that the country doesn't talk about race well because it isn't a pleasant topic.

Dr. Pollard thanked the Board for its feedback on the diversity white paper. She noted that the College must acknowledge its own concerns. We will need courage, equity, and equitable outcomes. Hiring a chief diversity officer will be an opportunity to engage employees at all levels, demonstrate to the College community that the president is listening, and demonstrate how the College acknowledges racism.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

BR# 16-02-006 Personnel Actions Confirmation

On a motion to approve the consent calendar by Trustee Hydorn, and a second by Trustee Levey, the Board approved the consent calendar.

8. RECOGNITIONS

BR# 16-02-007 2015 Maryland Professor of the Year-Professor Nevart Tahmazian
BR# 16-02-008 Ms. Janice C. Cavin
BR# 16-02-009 Ms. Dorothy M. Elford
BR# 16-02-010 Mr. Alfonso Guzman
BR# 16-02-011 Ms. Jeanie L. Hale
BR# 16-02-012 Ms. Nancy F. Hicks
BR# 16-02-013 Ms. Susan G. Kryszak
BR# 16-02-014 Mr. Ruben Martinez
BR# 16-02-015 Mr. Paul E. Slink
BR# 16-02-016 Ms. Lai T. Vo
BR# 16-02-017 Retirement and Award of Bronze Medallion to Dr. Brian K. Baker
BR# 16-02-018 Retirement and Award of Bronze Medallion to Dr. Eugenia Robinson
BR# 16-02-019 Retirement and Award of Silver Medallion to Dr. Judy E. Ackerman
BR# 16-02-020 Retirement and Award of Silver Medallion to Dr. Barbara G. Hoberman

On a motion to approve the resolutions by First Vice Chair Knapp, and a second by Trustee Hydorn, the Board approved the resolutions by unanimous vote.

Dr. Pollard provided remarks on the 2015 Maryland Professor of the Year, Professor Nevart Tahmazian. She noted her outstanding dedication and distinction as a faculty member. Professor Tahmazian has a special connection with her students and an innovative teaching style. Dr. Pollard thanked Professor Tahmazian for being an extraordinary professor and for her service to the College. She, the Board, and the College were very proud to honor her with this recognition.

Professor Tahmazian thanked Dr. Pollard, the Board, her colleagues, and students for the recognition.

9. AWARDS OF CONTRACTS

BR# 16-02-021 Project & Portfolio Management System Software
BR# 16-01-022 Collegewide Elevator Maintenance and Repairs
**BR# 16-01-023 Resource Center Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Upgrades-
Phase 3, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus**

On a motion to approve the above resolutions by Trustee Hydorn, and a second by First Vice Chair Knapp, the Board approved the resolutions by unanimous vote.

10. POLICY MATTERS

BR# 16-01-024 Policy 42002-Campus Behavioral Intervention Teams
BR# 16-01-025 Policy 39001-College Ombuds

On a motion to approve the resolutions by Trustee Hydorn, and a second by Trustee Rosales, the Board approved the resolutions by unanimous vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the board.

13. TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Wu congratulated Chair Smith on the governor's green bag appointment for reappointment to the Board and thanked her for her service to the College.

14. 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 February 22, 2016, in room 318 of the Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:10 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter (subsection 1), a privacy matter (subsection 3), four legal matters (subsection 7), and a collective bargaining matter (subsection 9).

On a motion by Trustee Hydorn, and a second by First Vice Chair Knapp, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:35 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: Arlean Graham