



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
March 21, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery College met in open session on March 21, 2016, in the Board Room, Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland. The open session meeting was called to order by the chair at 9:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Ms. Marsha Suggs Smith, 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

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

Absent: Mr. Michael J. Knapp, First Vice Chair
Mr. Michael Priddy, Trustee
Mr. Benjamin Wu, 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 Levey moved to approve the agenda; Trustee Hoffman 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 5, 2016 Closed Session**
- B. February 22, 2016 Closed Session**
- B. February 22, 2016 Open Session**

Trustee Hydorn moved to approve the minutes for February 5 and 22 closed and open sessions; Trustee Hoffman seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

6. REPORTS

A. President's Report

Dr. Pollard welcomed the College community back from the spring break and highlighted several items in her report. She reported that advocacy efforts are moving forward at the state and local levels and the College community will have opportunities to participate during public hearings.

Dr. Pollard reminded the Board of her State of the College address on April 6, with the theme being spending for student success and how our value of stewardship shapes how we need to plan and act.

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 developmental education at Montgomery College. She noted that a large number of students come to the College needing additional education to be ready to take college-level instruction. She noted that new designs for developmental learning can move students more quickly and efficiently through developmental classes.

Dr. Pollard noted the College's redesigned developmental math and English programs and their successes, and presented a brief video about the developmental education program.

Trustees commented on the program, the success rates, the College's engagement in solving problems for students, the work modules, and the need to prepare students.

Chair Smith thanked Dr. Pollard for her report and noted how impressed she was with the program and perhaps the topic can be shared as a presentation at an ACCT conference.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Smith welcomed everyone back from spring break. She reported on the joint meeting of Montgomery College, Montgomery County Public Schools Board of Education, and the Universities at Shady Grove Board of Advisors on February 29; the protocol meeting with the county executive concerning the College's operating budget; the Board's conference session to hear about the College's reaccreditation; and the upcoming Trustee Information Day on April 4.

Chair Smith invited Trustees to report on committee meetings and activities.

Trustee Hydorn commented on his recent illness and thanked everyone for being supportive. Trustee Rosales invited the Board to the *MC's Got Talent* show.

7. RECOGNITIONS

A. Montgomery College Basketball Teams

Dr. Pollard provided comments on the season records of the men's and women's basketball teams and noted how proud she was of the student-athletes. The Board recognized the students and thanked them for their commitment to winning, learning, and being outstanding scholars.

The men's team first-year Coach Keith Byrd and the women's team Coach Tarlouh Gasque provided comments, accepted certificates for the students, and thanked the Board and Dr. Pollard for the recognitions.

B. BR# 16-03-036 Honorary Degree Candidates for 2016

On a motion to approve the above resolution by Second Vice Chair Aparicio Blackwell, and a second by Trustee Hoffman, the Board approved the honorary degree candidates. Trustee Hydorn abstained from the vote.

Dr. Pollard noted that the individuals receiving honorary degrees at commencement will be Ms. Gigi Godwin, Mr. Kojo Nnambdi, Mr. Kevin Sexton, and Dr. Kenneth Weiner.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

BR# 16-03-037 Personnel Actions Confirmation

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

9. ACADEMIC AND REGULATORY MATTER

BR# 16-03-038 Approval of the Online Criminal Justice Associate of Applied Science Degree

On a motion to approve the above resolution by Trustee Levey, and a second by Second Vice Chair Aparicio Blackwell, the Board approved the resolution by unanimous vote.

Trustee Hoffman inquired about the interactivity of the students. Dr. Rai noted that the Blackboard system used for online courses allows for the face-to-face interaction with students.

10. POLICY MATTERS

BR# 16-03-039 Modification of Policy 43001–Student Financial Aid

BR# 16-03-040 Modification of Policy 43002–Board of Trustees Student Grants and Scholarships

BR# 16-03-041 Modification of Policy 43003–Tuition Waiver for Non-Employees of the College

On a motion to approve the above resolutions by Trustee Levine who accepted the modified policies for adoption, and a second by Trustee Hydorn, the Board approved the modified policies by unanimous vote. The Board noted that it wanted to continue discussions on the proposed crowdfunding policy at its next meeting.

11. BOARD MATTER

BR# 16-03-042 Board of Trustees Schedule of Meetings for Fiscal Year 2017

On a motion to approve the above resolution by Trustee Hoffman, and a second by Trustee Levine, the Board approved the resolution by unanimous vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the board.

13. TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Trustees.

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 March 21, 2016, in room 318 of the Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:10 p.m. to discuss a real property matter (subsection 3), six legal matters (subsection 7), a collective bargaining matter (subsection 9), and a safety and security matter (subsection 10).

On a motion by Trustee Levey, and a second by Rosales, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:53 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