



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland**  
**March 24, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery College met in open session on March 24, 2014, in the Trustee Board Room, Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland. The open session meeting was called to order by the chair at 8:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Trustees Present:

Mr. Reginald M. Felton, Chair  
Ms. Marsha Suggs Smith, First Vice Chair  
Mr. Michael J. Knapp, Second Vice Chair  
Ms. Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Trustee  
Dr. Kenneth H. Hoffman, Trustee  
Dr. Leslie S. Levine, Trustee  
Mr. Alexander G. Stone, Student Trustee  
Mr. Benjamin Wu, Trustee

Present Ex-Officio:

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

Absent:

Mr. Michael D. Priddy, Trustee

Resource Staff  
Present:

Dr. Stephen D. Cain, Chief of Staff/Chief Strategy Officer  
Ms. Arlean Graham, Board Relations Coordinator  
Dr. Sanjay Rai, Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Mr. David Sears, Senior Vice President for Advancement and  
Community Engagement  
Mr. Rocky Sorrell, General Counsel  
Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea, Senior Vice President for Student Services  
Dr. Janet Wormack, Interim Senior Vice President for Administrative and  
Fiscal Services

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Trustee Stone moved to approve the agenda; Trustee Wu seconded, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Board.

**4. COMMENTS PERIOD**

There were no speakers for the comments period.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. February 25, 2014 Closed Session**
- B. February 25, 2014 Open Session**

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

## **6. REPORTS**

### **A. President's Report**

Dr. Pollard provided information on the College's proposed FY15 operating budget and invited Trustees to attend councilmember visits with her in the upcoming weeks.

Dr. Pollard's report focused on Closing the Achievement Gap Report for the College. She noted that this is a very serious issue in the country and Montgomery County. She introduced Dean Tony Hawkins and Professor Hilda Smith, co-chairs of the Closing the Achievement Gap Task Force. They led the task force's research, discussions, and formulation of recommendations about how Montgomery College should approach this issue. Dean Hawkins and Professor Smith presented a brief report of the task force's work to the Board.

Dean Hawkins and Professor Smith reviewed the report and noted that 47 recommendations were submitted and all were accepted and assigned to the senior vice presidents.

Dean Hawkins noted that the recommendations have significant policy implications to include community involvement, best practices, advising and mentoring, financial aid, and building connections.

Dean Hawkins acknowledged the steering committee members who were present.

Trustees' expressed their excitement and appreciation for the report. They commented on a focus for non-cognitive barriers to success, the crucial involvement of parents, partnering with non-profits, establishment of a goal for a 50 percent increase in student graduation and transfer, and using the report as part of the Board's retreat discussion.

### **B. Chair's Report**

Chair Felton shared his report and welcomed everyone back from spring break. He thanked everyone who worked over spring break on budget matters with the county executive's operating budget press conference last week. Chair Felton noted that one-on-one meetings with the councilmembers would be occurring this month and encouraged all Trustees to participate in supporting the College budget. He noted that he would be testifying at the County Council's Operating Budget Hearing in April. Chair Felton reported that earlier this evening, the Board had its annual meeting with the Alumni Board of Governors.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **BR# 14-03-018 Personnel Actions Confirmation**

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

**8. BOARD MATTER**  
**BR# 14-03-019 FY15 Board Meeting Calendar**

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

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Felton appointed the Board's Nominating Committee members to include himself and Trustees Blackwell and Stone.

**10. TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements from the Trustees.

**11. 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 on March 24, 2014, in room 318, Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:15 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter (subsection 1), a collective bargaining matter (subsection 9), and a security matter (subsection 10).

On motion by Trustee Smith to adjourn, and a second by Trustee Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.



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Reginald M. Felton  
Chair, Board of Trustees



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

Recorder: Arlean B. Graham