



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
October 21, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair of the Board of Trustees of Montgomery College called to order a brief public meeting for purposes of voting to go into closed session at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019, in room S408, of the Central Services Building, Rockville, Maryland. Persons present for this meeting were:

Trustees Present: Ms. Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Chair
Dr. Leslie S. Levine, First Vice Chair
Dr. Michael A. Brintnall, Second Vice Chair
Dr. Kenneth J. Hoffman, Trustee
Dr. Frieda K. Lacey, Trustee
Mr. Robert F. Levey, Trustee
Ms. Maricé I. Morales, Trustee

Trustees Absent: Ms. Sarah Haj Hamad, Student Trustee
Mr. Michael J. Knapp, Trustee
Ms. Marsha Suggs Smith, Trustee

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

Resource Staff Present: Mr. Timothy Dietz, General Counsel
Dr. Melissa Gregory, Associate Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Sanjay Rai, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Donna Schena, Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services
Dr. Michelle T. Scott, Deputy Chief of Staff and Strategy
Mr. David Sears, Senior Vice President for Advancement and Community Engagement

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss one privacy matter–subsection 2, to consider collective bargaining negotiations–subsection 9, and to discuss possible criminal conduct–subsection 12. Upon a motion made by Trustee Levey and seconded by Trustee Morales, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

This meeting was closed under the following provisions of General Provisions Article 3-305(b):

Citation	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
3-305(b) Subsection 1 and 2	Discuss a privacy matter	to protect the privacy and reputation of a donor
3-305(b) Subsection 9	Consider collective bargaining negotiations	to discuss the progress of negotiation sessions with the AAUP, AFSCME, and SEIU bargaining units Joined by resource persons Lynda von Barga and Santo Scrimanti.
3-305(b) Subsection 12	Discuss possible criminal conduct	to discuss a case of criminal fraud against the College Joined by resource persons Vicki Duggan, Liz Greaney, and Goli Trump.

RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery College reconvened on October 21, 2019, in the Board Room, Central Services Building, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its September meeting. This public session was called to order by Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell at 8:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Ms. Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Chair
 Dr. Leslie S. Levine, First Vice Chair
 Dr. Michael A. Brintnall, Second Vice Chair
 Dr. Kenneth J. Hoffman, Trustee
 Dr. Frieda K. Lacey, Trustee
 Mr. Robert F. Levey, Trustee
 Ms. Maricé I. Morales, Trustee

Trustees Absent: Ms. Sarah Haj Hamad, Student Trustee
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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Hoffman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMENTS PERIOD

There were no speakers to present comments to the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. September 6–7, 2019 Retreat**
- B. September 23, 2019 Closed Session**
- C. September 23, 2019 Public Meeting**

Trustee Hoffman made a motion to approve the three sets of minutes. Trustee Morales seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

6. REPORTS

A. Student Report

Dr. Pollard introduced Ms. Juliza Majano, Montgomery College student. Ms. Majano thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak, and gave a brief biographical introduction of herself. Having been awarded the Maryland Promise Scholarship, Ms. Majano explained that as a Dreamer, she was not eligible for Federal financial aid. Together with an educational assistance grant, she has been able to attend Montgomery College, where she is studying in hopes of becoming a therapist or health policy analyst.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell thanked Ms. Majano for sharing her story with the Board.

B. President's Report

Dr. Pollard began her report with an update on fall semester enrollment data. She reported that there are officially 21,261 credit students at the College this fall. This number is lower than last fall's enrollment, as expected, but exceeds the headcount and credit hour projections by one percent. Of those students, 3,931 are new students who started college this fall. This cohort is comprised of 54 percent female and 46 percent male students, whose average age is 24.4, with about 55 percent of students 21 years of age or younger.

Dr. Pollard then reported on the ongoing equity dialogues, two of which were held in October. These events provided a forum for discussing the equity and inclusion survey results and for having deeper conversation on racial equity and social justice. She thanked Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer Sharon Bland, who has been developing and implementing this important work.

Dr. Pollard reported that the Clery Report was posted ahead of the October 1 due date. Required by the US Department of Education, the Clery Report informs the community of campus crime statistics and security-related information. The College has been fortunate to maintain zero or very low numbers of incidents in every category at every location.

Turning her attention to the Presidential Dialogue Series, Dr. Pollard announced that the next Dialogue would take place on October 29, when she will welcome an award-winning professor—Dr. Neil Nakadate. Professor Nakadate taught English and American literature for 40 years at Iowa State University and has authored several books. His most recent, *Looking After Minidoka: An American Memoir*, blends stories of his family with the history of three generations of Japanese-Americans.

In closing, Dr. Pollard summarized her written report, which focused on the future of work and Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). She reported that AI and ML have a number of implications for industries related to health care, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and the life sciences, and, thus, for jobs in those fields. Several MC instructors in health sciences, biology, and chemistry report a growing urgency that MC faculty members understand the role of AI in the future of work, not just for students, but for themselves. AI and ML will change the future of several disciplines and the College must prepare to grow its awareness of these changes in order to best prepare students for the future of work.

C. Chair's Report

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell began her report with a recap of the Constituent Conversation with the Faculty Council, held earlier in the evening. The topic of discussion was “the changing nature of work” and how developments such as artificial intelligence and machine learning are already having profound implications for what we teach as a College and how we prepare students. She thanked the members of Faculty Council, whose insights help prepare the Board for future decisions.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell went on to thank those who participated in the several advocacy events of the past month. Trustees joined College staff and leadership in welcoming elected officials on visits to various sites and programs at the College. To date, visits have been made by US Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, Maryland State Delegate Jared Solomon, Maryland Speaker of the House Adrienne Jones, US Senator Ben Cardin, and Maryland Senators Nancy King and Craig Zucker. Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reminded the Board that the College's legislative reception will take place on Monday, November 4, when Trustee will have another chance to engage with elected officials.

Turning her attention to the ACCT Leadership Congress, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell recognized Trustees who recently attended the annual conference in San Francisco. She also thanked Trustees Hoffman and Levey, who presented at a breakout session regarding the College's community engagement efforts with the Leggett Math and Science Building. Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell invited each of the attendees to give their thoughts and insights about their experiences about the conference.

In closing, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell offered congratulations for several victories that were won at the ACCT Conference. Trustee Marsha Suggs Smith was elected to the ACCT Board of Directors, representing the Northeast Region; Professor Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez won the ACCT's 2019 Northeast Region Faculty Award; and finally, Board Operations and Services Specialist Bridget Abraham was elected to the Board of the Professional Board Staff Network as the Northeast Regional Representative.

D. Fiscal Year 2020 First Quarter Summary Report

Senior Vice President for Administrative Services Donna Schena gave a financial summary of the first quarter of this fiscal year. She reported that certified fall 2019 credit hours were 1 percent over projections at 191,619. The first half of county funding for this fiscal year was anticipated to be disbursed in October 2019, with an expected increase of 2.2 percent compared to last fiscal year, and an increase in state appropriation of 1.7 percent is also anticipated. Compensation expenses and contracted services are trending lower in FY19 as compared to FY18, primarily due to unfilled positions and timing issues. Ms. Schena concluded her report by stating that operating revenues and expenses are very consistent, as are the categories of student support and operation and maintenance.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

BR#19-10-109	Personnel Actions Confirmation Report
	Retirement Recognitions:
BR#19-10-110	Professor Pamela P. Arrindell
BR#19-10-111	Mr. Antonio O. Baiza
BR#19-10-112	Ms. Diane M. Barbaresi
BR#19-10-113	Ms. Janet L. Campbell
BR#19-10-114	Professor Alyson N. Escobar
BR#19-10-115	Dr. Tami Y. Isaacs
BR#19-10-116	Professor Mark E. Kovach
BR#19-10-117	Professor Nancy B. Kropetz
BR#19-10-118	Ms. Tuyet T. Nguyen-Jackson
BR#19-10-119	Professor Cynthia L.Pfanstiehl
BR#19-10-120	Mr. Richard J. Servatius
	Awards of Medallions:
BR#19-10-121	Bronze Medallion to Dr. Claudia J. Rousseau
BR#19-10-122	Silver Medallion to Dr. Mary T. Furgol

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the items of the consent agenda. Trustee Hoffman seconded. The consent agenda passed unanimously.

8. BUDGET MATTER

The Proposed FY21 Capital Budget Request

Dr. Pollard introduced Ms. Kristina Schramm, who presented the proposed capital budget request for fiscal year 2021. Ms. Schramm reported that the request is comprised of 25 projects, totaling \$31.4 million for next fiscal year. Funding for one new project—the Germantown Student Affairs and Science Building Renovation, Phase 2—is included.

Trustee discussion focused on the significant backlog of deferred maintenance needs and the feasibility of alternative funding methods. The Board requested an increase in the request for the planned lifecycle asset replacement project funding for FY21 in order to better address this backlog.

Dr. Pollard agreed and committed to bring an updated request to the Board in November for action.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the board.

10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

There were no comments from Trustees.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Levey and a second by Trustee Levine, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

signature on file

Gloria Aparicio Blackwell
Chair, Board of Trustees

signature on file

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

Recorder: Lily Lee
Approved on: November 18, 2019