



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
February 24, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery College convened on February 24, 2020, in the Board Room, Central Services Building, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its February meeting. This public session was called to order by Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell at 8:19 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Ms. Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Chair
Dr. Michael A. Brintnall, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Sarah Haj Hamad, Student Trustee
Dr. Kenneth J. Hoffman
Mr. Michael J. Knapp
Dr. Frieda K. Lacey
Mr. Robert F. Levey
Ms. Marsha Suggs Smith

Trustees Absent: Dr. Leslie S. Levine, First Vice Chair
Ms. Maricé I. Morales

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, General Counsel
Ms. Krista Leitch Walker, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
Dr. Sanjay Rai, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. David Sears, Senior Vice President for Advancement and Community Engagement

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Knapp seconded. Trustee Suggs Smith was not present for the vote.

The motion passed.

4. COMMENTS PERIOD

There were no speakers to come before the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 29, 2020 Closed Session

B. January 29, 2020 Public Meeting

Trustee Knapp made a motion to approve the three sets of minutes. Trustee Brintnall seconded. Trustee Suggs Smith was not present for the vote.

The motion passed.

6. REPORTS

A. Student Spotlight

Dr. Pollard introduced Mr. Azizga "Azi" Hussen and Ms. Simrat Kaur, two students participating in the College's Digital Storytelling internship program.

Mr. Hussen and Ms. Kaur each shared their own digital stories, which recounted their personal journeys and struggles.

Dr. Pollard thanked the students for their extraordinary work and recognized the Digital Storytelling internship faculty, Professor Matthew Decker, Professor Sara Ducey, and Professor Jamie Gillan,

B. President's Report

Dr. Pollard began her report by congratulating the five Montgomery College students who were selected as semifinalists for the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Scholarship. These students were chosen from a pool of nearly 1,500 applicants from across the nation. She also recognized the work of faculty, counselors, and staff, who have guided them on their academic journeys.

Transitioning to enrollment news, Dr. Pollard reported that the official spring semester enrollment for credit students was a little below projections, with 19,220 students enrolled in 168,127 credits.

Reporting on recent events, Dr. Pollard informed the Board about a Town Hall Meeting, which was held on February 13. Safety and security was the main theme for conversation and the audience had a high level of engagement, asking very thoughtful questions.

Turning her attention to advocacy activities, Dr. Pollard reported that she spoke before the Montgomery County state delegation in Annapolis, giving her an opportunity to spread the news about what the College means for the county and the state. Dr. Pollard reported that students were the center of attention at Student Advocacy Day, which took place in Annapolis in early February. Montgomery College students, along with students from Maryland's 15 other community colleges had the opportunity to visit the offices of the 32 members of the county's delegates and senators.

In other news, Dr. Pollard recognized the achievements of the men's and women's basketball teams, who have done well in their seasons, with the men's team at 20 and 7, and the women's at 18 and 4. She also gave special recognition to men's team Coach Keith Byrd who hit his one hundredth win in February.

Dr. Pollard concluded her report with an overview of President's Focus, which outlined issues regarding artificial intelligence in renewable energy and ways the College is poised to meet the changes and demands of the field.

C. Chair's Report

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell began her report by thanking the Trustees who joined her at the Association of Community College Trustees' National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC. This conference gave Trustees an opportunity to discuss legislative priorities with Maryland federal legislators, such as Representative Jamie Raskin, Senator Ben Cardin, and Senator Chris Van Hollen.

As the National Legislative Summit is one of the kickoff events that mark the beginning of our advocacy efforts in the spring, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported that she, along with students and alumni, testified before the county council at its capital budget hearings. She thanked the Trustees in advance for their participation in the many more events to come during this advocacy season.

Reporting on other events, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell stated that Councilmember Craig Rice is hosting a second Community Forum on the State of Education in Montgomery County. This forum will provide the public and opportunity to hear about education issues and ask questions directly of Councilmember Rice, Dr. Pollard, Superintendent of Schools Jack Smith, and USG's Executive Director Stewart Edelstein.

In closing, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reminded everyone that in March the federal government would begin mailing 2020 Census information to every address in the country. She stressed the importance of continuing to raise awareness about the Census among our students and employees so that everyone is counted.

Trustee comments focused on discussion at the National Legislative Summit regarding possible changes to Pell Grants and the need to prepare for any consequences.

D. Education and Culture Committee Report

Committee Chair Lacey reported on the last meeting of the Education and Culture Committee, which met on January 29. The committee heard a spotlight report on student advising, which gave an overview of the 2019 "first-time-ever-in-college" cohort. This group was compared to similar cohorts of the past four years in terms of demographics, retention rates, and completion.

Committee Chair Lacey thanked her fellow committee members, Trustees Brintnall, Haj Hamad, and Knapp, and thanked Dr. Brown and Dr. Rai.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

BR#20-02-012	Personnel Actions Confirmation Report
BR#20-02-013	Retirement Recognition of Ms. Jane Abraham
BR#20-02-014	Retirement Recognition of Mr. Robert Hatfield
BR#20-02-015	Retirement Recognition of Ms. Maria Lazo
BR#20-02-016	Retirement of Ms. Sarahy Pena
BR#20-02-017	Award of Bronze Medallion to Mr. Mark Miller

Trustee Suggs Smith made a motion to approve the items of the consent agenda. Trustee Knapp seconded.

The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

8. RECOGNITION AND FACILITIES MATTER
BR#20-21-018 Naming of the Part-Time Faculty Fellowship Program in Honor of Dr. Robert Shoenberg

Trustee Suggs Smith made a motion to approve the recognition and facilities matter. Trustee Knapp seconded.

The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

Trustees expressed gratitude to Dr. Shoenberg for his very generous gift.

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT
BR#20-02-019 Award of Contract, Commencement Event Services, Bid 520-018

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to approve the award of contract. Trustee Knapp seconded.

The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

10. SOLE SOURCE AWARD OF CONTRACT
BR#20-02-020 Sole Source Award of Contract, Computerized Maintenance Management System License

Trustee Knapp made a motion to approve this award of contract. Trustee Lacey seconded.

Trustee questions focused on renewal terms for this sole source award of contract.

The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

11. BOARD MATTER
Schedule of Board Meetings for Fiscal Year 2021

Dr. Pollard introduced the proposed schedule of Board meetings for next fiscal year as an information item.

Trustees were asked to review the draft and provide feedback ahead of the next public meeting, when they will be asked to take action to formally adopt the schedule.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Brintnall acknowledged attending the Montgomery College Black History Month event at the Cultural Arts Center at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. He commended Dr. Vincent Intondi for his role in organizing the event, as well as keynote speaker, Mr. Desmond Meade.

13. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

There were no comments from Trustees.

14. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Knapp and a second by Trustee Suggs Smith, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Signature on file

Gloria Aparicio Blackwell
Chair, Board of Trustees

Signature on file

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

Recorder: Lily Lee
Approved on: March 23, 2020