



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland**  
**Board Room, Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard**  
**Public Participation via Zoom Webinar • Webinar ID: 948 5157 0184**  
**January 25, 2023**

**A. CALL TO ORDER—PUBLIC VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Board Chair Brintnall called a brief public meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. for the sole purpose of voting to go into closed session. A roll call of trustees was taken to establish a quorum.

**B. ROLL CALL—PUBLIC VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Trustees Present:                   Trustee Michael A. Brintnall, Chair  
Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, First Vice Chair  
Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Second Vice Chair  
Trustee Annice Cody  
Trustee Kenneth J. Hoffman  
Trustee Omar A. Lazo  
Trustee Robert F. Levey  
Trustee Deepica Premaratne

Trustee Absent:                   Trustee Maricé I. Morales  
Trustee Michael J. Knapp

**C. MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION**

Board Chair Brintnall announced that pursuant to the General Provisions Article 3-305(b), the meeting would be closed only to:

- discuss two personnel and privacy matters related to medallion recommendations — subsections 1 and 2;
- consider matters related to collective bargaining negotiations — subsection 9; and
- consider two administrative functions.

Trustee Lazo made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

No members of the public had any objections to closing the meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER—CLOSED SESSION**

Board Chair Brintnall called the closed session to order at 6:09 p.m.

<b>Statutory authority</b>	<b>Topic description</b>	<b>Persons present for discussion</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
<b>3-305(b) Subsection 1</b>	Discuss employment history and performance evaluations related to two medallion recommendations	trustees; president; general counsel; senior vice presidents; chief of staff/chief strategy officer; board staff	Information only. No action taken.
<b>3-305(b) Subsection 2</b>	To protect privacy of two employees while considering recommendations of medallions		
<b>3-305(b) Subsection 9</b>	To confer with the board of trustees regarding FY24 salary negotiations with the AAUP, AFSCME, and SEIU bargaining units.	trustees; president; general counsel; senior vice presidents; chief of staff/chief strategy officer; board staff	Information only. No action taken.
<b>103 Subsection a1i</b>	To carry out two administrative matters	trustees; president	

### 1. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees reconvened at 6:57 p.m. on January 25, 2023, in the Board Room of the Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its December meeting. The public was invited to participate in person or via Zoom teleconference.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present:                   Trustee Michael A. Brintnall, Chair  
   Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, First Vice Chair  
   Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Second Vice Chair  
   Trustee Annice Cody  
   Trustee Kenneth J. Hoffman  
   Trustee Michael J. Knapp (joined via Zoom)  
   Trustee Omar A. Lazo  
   Trustee Robert F. Levey  
   Trustee Deepica Premaratne

Trustee Absent:                   Trustee Maricé I. Morales

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Hoffman made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED FY24 OPERATING BUDGET**

Trustee Lacey made a motion to open the public hearing of the Proposed FY24 Operating Budget. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no speakers to provide comments at the hearing.

Trustee Lacey made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. December 12, 2022 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes**
- B. December 12, 2022 Workforce Development Review Committee Meeting Minutes**
- C. December 12, 2022 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes**
- D. December 12, 2022 Public Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the minutes of the December meetings. Trustee Hoffman seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- BR#23-01-041                      Personnel Actions Confirmation Report**
- BR#23-01-042                      Modification of Policy 31001–Sexual Misconduct**

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Hoffman seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. REPORTS**

##### **A. Conversation with Constituents**

The board welcomed faculty member Dr. Monica Mische and students Thomas Abakah, Ben Terry, and Hana Tsegaye. Dr. Mische is the editor of “You Have Been Planted Here to Create Something Beautiful: An Anthology by Writers and Artists with Disabilities.” Mr. Abakah, Mr. Terry, and Ms. Tsegaye are contributors to the book, having their personal stories and artwork featured.

The board also welcomed Ms. Karla Nabors, director of developmental education/workforce access, and student David Godoy. Mr. Godoy successfully completed the Graduate Transitions Program and several other WDCE programs for county residents with disabilities.

## **B. President's Report**

Dr. Williams began his report with news of recent events, including the Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship breakfast, the Maryland Association of Community Colleges annual conference, and the beginning of spring semester. He thanked those who attended the Spring Opening Meeting, where Dr. Williams led a panel featuring three students plus four working alumni, who shared their experiences of the College, programs that supported them, and what advice they would give to entering students today.

Dr. Williams also highlighted an inspiring story of MC student Ms. Nida Khan, who was selected as the National Collegiate Honors Council's Student of the Year for 2022. Nida came to the College after earning a GED and graduated as the president of Phi Theta Kappa, was both a STEM and Renaissance Scholar, and is now a student at Yale University.

In other news, Dr. Williams declared the week before Professional Week a terrific success, reporting that more than 600 people attended workshops and speed sessions on artificial intelligence, cultural competence, inclusion, and universal design, among many other topics.

Concluding his report, Dr. Williams stated that a recent collegewide forum on the strategic plan refresh was a robust engagement that drew faculty, staff, and students. The voices of the participants, plus guest speaker Dr. Arthur Levine, created a rich exploration of the changes needed to continue the College's mission with the best tools in place. A status report of the refresh is planned for the next month's board meeting.

## **B. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

### **i. Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee**

Trustee Lazo, chair of the Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee, reported that the committee met on January 18. The sole focus of the meeting was to review the draft FY24 Current, Enterprises, and Other Funds Budgets, otherwise collectively known as the Operating Budget. He reported that the committee provided input and feedback regarding the budget presentation and endorses the draft budget, which will be presented later in the evening.

### **ii. Montgomery College Alumni Association**

Trustee Premaratne, liaison to the Montgomery College Alumni Association, reported that their last meeting took place on January 19. At that meeting, the Alumni Association heard updates from Ms. Amy Tutt, government relations operations director, and from the events planning, nominating, marketing, and mentoring committees. Trustee Premaratne concluded her report, stating that the alumni are an impressive group of dedicated individuals who are proud of their time at MC and who want to support those of us who are here now.

## **C. Chair's Report**

Board Chair Brintnall welcomed all to the first board meeting of 2023 and began with budget developments. He thanked members of the Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee, Mr. Sherwin Collette, Ms. Liz Greaney, Ms. Linda Hickey, and

all the members of the College community who worked together to create and refine the proposed FY24 Operating Budget, which would be considered later in the meeting.

Board Chair Brintnall thanked and acknowledged trustees who attended a joint meeting of the Montgomery County Board of Education, the Montgomery College Board of Trustees, and the Universities at Shady Grove Board of Advisors on January 10; the Alpha Phi Alpha Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on January 16; and the Maryland Association of Community College Trustee Leadership Conference in Annapolis earlier in the week.

Concluding his report, Board Chair Brintnall stated that the Board has begun the presidential evaluation process, one of the core responsibilities of the Board of Trustees.

## **8. AWARD OF CONTRACT (SOLE SOURCE)**

**BR#23-01-043                      Sole Source Award of Contract, Ellucian Customer Relationship Management Advance Software**

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the sole source award of contract. Trustee Hoffman seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## **9. BUDGET MATTER**

**BR#23-01-044                      The FY24 Current, Enterprise, and Other Funds Budgets**

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the budget matter. Trustee Hoffman seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the board.

## **11. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee Lacey commented on a donation made to the College from the estate of a former part-time faculty member, with the funds being used to create workshops to help part-time faculty work toward improving and teaching practices and strategies in the classroom.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Signature on file

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Dr. Michael A. Brintnall  
Chair, Board of Trustees

Signature on file

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Dr. Jermaine F. Williams  
President and Secretary-Treasurer,  
Board of Trustees

Recorder: Lily Lee  
Approved on: February 20, 2023