



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
Board Room, Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard
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February 20, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER–PUBLIC VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Board Chair Brintnall called a brief public meeting to order at 6:13 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 Michael J. Knapp
Trustee Omar A. Lazo (joined via Zoom)
Trustee Robert F. Levey (joined via Zoom)
Trustee Maricé I. Morales

Trustee Absent: Trustee Deepica Premaratne

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:

- protect the privacy of individuals with respect to a matter not related to public business — subsection 2;
- consider matters related to collective bargaining negotiations — subsection 9;
- and
- consider one administrative function.

Trustee Knapp made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Morales seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Statutory authority	Topic description	Persons present for discussion	Action Taken
3-305(b) Subsection 2	protect the privacy of individuals with respect to nominations of honorary degrees	trustees; president; general counsel; senior vice presidents; chief of staff/chief strategy officer; board staff	Information only. No action taken.
3-305(b) Subsection 9	To confer with the board of trustees regarding negotiations with the AAUP, AFSCME, and SEIU bargaining units.	Ms. Carol Kliever; Ms Krista Leitch Walker; trustees; president; general counsel; senior vice presidents; chief of staff/chief strategy officer; board staff	Information only. No action taken.
103 Subsection a1i	To carry out one administrative matter	trustees; president	

1. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees reconvened at 6:58 p.m. on February 20, 2023, in the Board Room of the Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its February 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
- Trustee Omar A. Lazo (joined via Zoom)
- Trustee Robert F. Levey (joined via Zoom)
- Trustee Maricé I. Morales
- Trustee Deepica Premaratne (joined via Zoom)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Knapp seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. January 25, 2023 Conference Session Minutes**
- B. January 25, 2023 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes**
- C. January 25, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the minutes of the January meetings. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS

A. President's Report

Dr. Williams began his report with thanks to each of the Board members for supporting him in the College's Annapolis advocacy agenda. He highlighted MC student Jefferson Vazquez-Reyes, a full-time student on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus who was acknowledged in Governor Wes Moore's State of the State address.

Transitioning to the aftermath of the tragic killing of Mr. Tyre Nichols by police in Memphis, Dr. Williams expressed his pride that several areas of the College stood up events quickly to allow the College community to engage around issues of inequity. He thanked all of those who participated in these events and for the Board's unwavering support as the College continues its path, striving to build a better tomorrow.

On a more hopeful note, Dr. Williams noted that Black History Month is in full swing. He reported on some of the many events on the campuses and in the community, including the MC Black Facts Competition and explorations of Black resistance across the centuries. Dr. Williams reported that he read a poem in honor of Black History Month at a recent celebration by the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics, also known as ACT-SO, an NAACP youth program.

Dr. Williams turned his attention to the Drug Free Schools and Communities Biennial Review, stating the College's commitment to the education of students, employees, and community members regarding substance abuse prevention, detection, and treatment. He also reported that drug abuse prevention is enshrined in a College policy, 31005, established more than 30 years ago.

Concluding his report, Dr. Williams shared a quote from a recent research study, *The Partnership Imperative: Community Colleges, Employers, and America's Chronic Skills Gap*, from Harvard Business School and the American Association of Community Colleges — "The nature of work has changed dramatically across industries in the last few decades due to rapid and repeated waves of automation. Nowhere is this more evident than in middle-skills positions—those that require less than a four-year college degree but more than a high school diploma. America's community colleges have been, and should remain, the education portal through which these workers pass. But increasingly, the ecosystem is in imbalance due to the growing gulf between those who teach and those who hire. Both educators and employers are failing to meet the challenge of the moment: how to create a steady pipeline of workers required to keep the U.S. economy competitive and prospering."

B. Student Success Committee Report

Trustee Lacey, co-chair of the Student Success Committee, reported that the committee met for the second time this year on February 8. Drs. Brown and Raj, Ms. Matthews, and their staff provided several reports — Enrollment Management and Data, the newly adopted Transfer for Success Act and Creating Transfer-Ready Programs, and finally, Alternate Placement Policy Changes and Outcomes Driving Student Success.

Trustee Lacey concluded her report with news that the Committee's final meeting will take place on May 10 and be chaired by Trustee Premaratne.

C. FY23 Second Quarter Financial Summary Report

Senior Vice President Sherwin Collette provided an introduction of the FY23 Second Quarter Financial Summary Report. Chief Business/Financial Strategy Officer Liz Greaney presented details of the revenues and expenditures of the operating budget and WDCE, as well as HEERF budget expenditures for the second quarter of the current fiscal year.

D. Chair's Report

Board Chair Brintnall began his report by echoing Dr. Williams' acknowledgement of Black History Month and commending the College for the array of programming that is being provided to support equity and social justice.

Board Chair Brintnall recognized Trustees Aparicio Blackwell and Levey for joining him at the Association of Community College Trustees National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC in early February. This conference is designed to inform and educate community college leaders on federal policy issues that impact postsecondary institutions and students.

With a continuing focus on advocacy, Dr. Brintnall reported that he, along with MC student Abel Pattamaddy and MC alumni Viviana Bentley, Alexander Camacho, and Catherine Shelton testified at a county council hearing in support of the College's capital budget on February 7.

Dr. Brintnall concluded his report with news of an online exhibit, The Immigrant Experience in Montgomery County, Maryland. This virtual exhibit is the most recent partnership between Montgomery History and MC's anthropology faculty and students. Anthropology students, or Rookie Researchers, as they are called, started contributing to this particular project in 2018. Dr. Brintnall gave kudos to Dr. Mary Gallagher, MC Anthropology Professor Emerita, creator and financier of this project. Dr. Gallagher created this program so that MC students could have the same research experiences as students in the Ivy Leagues.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

BR#23-02-045	Personnel Actions Confirmation Report
BR#23-02-046	Recognition of Retirees
BR#23-02-047	Award of Bronze Medallion to Dr. Joseph Marciano
BR#23-02-048	Award of Bronze Medallion to Professor Marian Parcan-Onderko

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. STRATEGIC PLANNING REFRESH UPDATE

Chief of Staff/Chief Strategy Officer Stephen Cain presented an update on the strategic planning refresh process. Dr. Cain reviewed the project timeline, the membership of the Strategic Plan Advisory Refresh Committee, and draft refreshed goals and mission, vision, and values statements.

8. AWARDS OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

BR#23-02-049	Award of Contract, Health Sciences Center Nursing Skills Classrooms, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, Bid 623-004
BR#23-02-050	Award of Contract, Commencement Event Services, Bid e523-009

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the awards of contract. Trustee Knapp seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

BR#23-02-051	Memorandum of Agreement between Montgomery College and the American Association of University Professors, Montgomery College Chapter
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Trustee Knapp made a motion to approve the collective bargaining matter. Trustee Morales 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

There were no trustee comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Signature on file

Dr. Michael A. Brintnall
Chair, Board of Trustees

Signature on file

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

Recorder: Lily Lee
Approved on: March 22, 2023