



**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: 913 6592 7499**  
**April 17, 2023**

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

Board Chair Brintnall called a brief public meeting to order at 6:06 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 online)  
                                  Trustee Robert F. Levey  
                                  Trustee Maricé I. Morales  
                                  Trustee Deepica Premaratne (joined online)

**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:

- consider matters related to collective bargaining agreements and negotiations with the College’s collective bargaining units — subsection 9, and
- carry out an administrative function related to the FY23 Board Self-Assessment.

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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

<b>Statutory authority</b>	<b>Topic description</b>	<b>Persons present for discussion</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
<b>3-305(b) Subsection 9</b>	To confer with the board of trustees regarding negotiations	Ms. Liz Greaney, Ms. Carol Kliever; trustees; president; general counsel; senior vice presidents; chief of	Information only. No action taken.

	with the SEIU bargaining unit	staff/chief strategy officer; board staff	
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## 1. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees reconvened at 6:37 p.m. on April 17, 2023, in the Board Room of the Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its April 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 online)  
Trustee Robert F. Levey  
Trustee Maricé I. Morales  
Trustee Deepica Premaratne (joined online)

## 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 22, 2023 Conference Session Minutes
- B. March 22, 2023 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes
- C. March 22, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes

Trustee Lacey made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meetings. Trustee Hoffman seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## 5. REPORTS

### A. Conversations with Constituents

For the last conversation with constituents of this fiscal year, the board welcomed Early College Students, Ms. Phoenix Bryant and Mr. Daniel Chin, accompanied by the Director of Academic Initiatives Mr. Akima Rogers and Coordinator of the Early College Honors Program Dr. Steve Wheatley.

Ms. Bryant and Mr. Chin talked about how the Early College program provided them with the opportunity to conduct advanced STEM research as undergraduate students.

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

Dr. Williams began his report with the exciting news that Governor Wes Moore named Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Sanjay Rai as acting secretary for the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Dr. Williams praised Dr. Rai for his dedication to equity, innovation, and academic excellence. Also Dr. Williams extended his heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Rai in his new role of leading Maryland's post-secondary education system.

In other news, Dr. Williams recognized April as Community College Month, and acknowledged MC Scholar Olivia Keller, who was named 2023 New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar, and MC Counseling faculty member Sue Adler, who earned the 2023 the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty recognition.

Continuing with more good news, Dr. Williams announced that the Montgomery College Foundation received a \$500,000 gift from the Robert I. Schattner Foundation. He expressed gratitude for the gift and reported that between 50-100 students will benefit annually from scholarships, career navigation, and other supportive services this gift will bring.

Transitioning to budget news, Dr. Williams reported that there was good news on the College's capital budget request; \$450,000 was added for the renovation of the Rockville Library and more than \$7 million added to begin design of the Germantown Student Services Center. Dr. Williams thanked the Montgomery County delegation, especially Delegates Marc Korman and Jared Solomon, former delegate Kirill Reznick, and Senators Nancy King and Craig Zucker. He also thanked Board Chair Brintnall for his testimony to the delegation and the advocacy of students and alumni.

Dr. Williams concluded his report with news of Equity Week observances, which took place in early April. The theme of the weeklong event was, "Culture of Care: Face it, there is no eqUity and Inclusion without U & I—embrace it." Dr. Williams expressed gratitude to Trustee Hoffman, for his dedication and generous support of students through the Hoffman-Schulsinger Excellence in Equity Awards.

## **C. Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee Report**

Trustee Lazo, chair of the Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee, reported that the committee met on Wednesday, April 12, to preview the resolution for an increase tuition in FY24. The committee also heard a presentation on the College's procurement process.

Trustee Lazo reported that the committee held robust discussion about the potential impact of tuition increases on students and that the resolution is ultimately endorsed by the committee because it was built into the budget that was passed by the board in January.

## **D. Chair's Report**

Board Chair Brintnall began his report with budget advocacy news, stating that he and others testified at the County Council Budget Hearings on April 11. He also noted that the board will vote on the Refreshed Strategic Plan later in the meeting. He thanked members of the Strategic Plan Advisory Refresh Committee, as well as Dr. Stephen Cain and Mr. John Hamman, who served as co-facilitators of the committee.

In other news, Board Chair Brintnall announced that the board's End-of-Year Retreat would take place on Friday, May 5. He thanked Dr. Frieda Lacey for her work in developing the retreat framework and working with the facilitator, Dr. Mary Spilde.

Transitioning to upcoming events, Board Chair Brintnall announced that in preparation for the election of board officers for fiscal year 2024, he has appointed Trustee Knapp and Trustee Morales to serve on the Board Officer Nominating Committee.

In other news, Board Chair Brintnall indicated that the board is preparing to submit two presentation proposals for the 2023 Association of Community College Trustee National Leadership Congress, which will take place in October 2023.

Board Chair Brintnall recognized several trustees for their recent activities and achievements, including Trustee Aparicio Blackwell for being named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by the Maryland Daily Record for 2023; Trustee Levey's hosting a podcast series for the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation; and Trustee Hoffman, for the establishment of the Hoffman-Schulsinger Equity Awards and endowment.

Concluding his report, Board Chair Brintnall recognized faculty members Dr. Molly Donnelly and Frank Trezza for the partnership of the Montgomery College Chorus with the Cantate Concert Choir in a performance at the Cultural Arts Center.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

<b>BR#23-04-060</b>	<b>Personnel Actions Confirmation Report</b>
<b>BR#23-04-061</b>	<b>Board of Trustees Schedule of Meetings for Fiscal Year 2024</b>

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## **7. ACADEMIC MATTERS**

<b>BR#23-04-062</b>	<b>Deletion of Art Area of Concentration, Arts and Sciences Associate of Arts</b>
<b>BR#23-04-063</b>	<b>New Title for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography, General Sonography Area of Concentration Associate of Applied Science</b>

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the academic matters. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **8. CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER**

**BR#23-04-064**                      **Contract Change Order, Award of Contract, Purchasing and Corporate Credit Card Program, Bid 518-011**

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the academic matters. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **9. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MATTER**

**BR#23-04-065**                      **Collective Bargaining Agreement between Montgomery College and the Service Employment International Union, Local 500, CtW**

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the collective bargaining matter. Trustee Levey seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **10. BUDGET MATTER**

**BR#23-04-066**                      **Increase in Tuition for Fiscal Year 2024**

Trustee Knapp made a motion to approve the budget matter. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **11. STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**BR#23-04-067**                      **Refreshed Strategic Plan**

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the Refreshed Strategic Plan. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **12. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the board.

#### **13. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Trustee Aparicio Blackwell thanked Board Chair Brintnall for his acknowledgement of her award.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Levey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hoffman seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 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  
Adopted on: May 15, 2023