



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
November 18, 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 7:11 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 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
Ms. Sarah Haj Hamad, Student Trustee
Dr. Kenneth J. Hoffman, Trustee
Mr. Michael J. Knapp, Trustee
Dr. Frieda K. Lacey, Trustee
Mr. Robert F. Levey, Trustee
Ms. Maricé I. Morales, Trustee
Ms. Marsha Suggs Smith, Trustee

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
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 only discuss a pending litigation matter—subsection 8, to consider collective bargaining negotiations—subsection 9, and to discuss possible criminal conduct—subsection 12. Upon a motion made by Trustee Suggs Smith 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 8	Consult about pending litigation	to discuss details of the AAUP vs. Board of Trustees lawsuit Joined by resource person Krista Leitch Walker
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 person Krista Leitch Walker
3-305(b) Subsection 12	Discuss actual or possible criminal conduct	to discuss incident of criminal fraud Joined by resource persons Liz Greaney and Goli Trump

RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery College reconvened on November 18, 2019, in the Board Room, Central Services Building, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its November meeting. This public session was called to order by Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell at 8:01 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
 Ms. Sarah Haj Hamad, Student Trustee
 Dr. Kenneth J. Hoffman, Trustee
 Mr. Michael J. Knapp, Trustee
 Dr. Frieda K. Lacey, Trustee
 Mr. Robert F. Levey, Trustee
 Ms. Maricé I. Morales, Trustee
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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Suggs Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Morales seconded. The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

4. COMMENTS PERIOD

There were no speakers to present comments to the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 21, 2019 Closed Session

B. October 21, 2019 Public Meeting

Trustee Knapp made a motion to approve the two sets of minutes. Trustee Morales seconded.

The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

6. TRIBUTE

BR#19-10-109

Tribute to Mr. Daniel L. Blumgart

Trustee Levine made a motion to approve the tribute. Trustee Knapp seconded.

The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

Mr. Steve Drummond, interim director of public safety and emergency management, offered comments and condolences. Children of the late Mr. Blumgart—Kimberly “Ryann,” Melissa, and Zane, received a tribute presented by Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell and Dr. Pollard.

7. REPORTS

A. Student Spotlight

Dr. Pollard introduced Ms. Arash Pirooz, a Workforce Development & Continuing Education student. Mr. Pirooz is enrolled in the TechHire program, which is made possible through a grant from the US Department of Labor. The objective of the TechHire program is to serve English language learners looking to move into tech careers. Mr. Pirooz’s courses utilize the MIBEST model, with one content instructor and one ESOL instructor delivering tech training and ESL simultaneously.

Mr. Pirooz thanked the Board for the opportunity to share his story. Originally from Iran, Mr. Pirooz left his country to seek a better life in the United States. Facing challenges of a new culture, new language, and taking care of elderly parents, Mr. Pirooz found it difficult to find work in his field of computer science. He is grateful to be a part of the TechHire program, and is eager to give back to this country and community that welcomed him.

B. President’s Report

Dr. Pollard opened her report by recognizing the service of all veterans in honor of Veteran’s Day. She highlighted College programs created for veterans, such as Combat2College, and reported that Montgomery College ranked 18th on the *Military Times*’ “Best for Vets” list in 2018.

Moving to the topic of public safety, Dr. Pollard congratulated four Montgomery College public safety officers who completed their training to qualify as special police officers in the state of Maryland. She noted that these individuals can now offer enhanced safety services on campuses.

In other public safety news, Dr. Pollard reported that the leadership of public safety is conducting a thorough review of the erroneous active shooter alert, which occurred on November 1. She expressed deep regret for the angst and confusion that were caused on

campus by the erroneous alert and reiterated that safety is the College's number one priority.

Turning her attention to the Presidential Dialogue Series, Dr. Pollard reported that her former professor at Iowa State University, Dr. Neil Nakadate, was her guest speaker last month. She and Dr. Nakadate engaged in conversation centered around the theme, "Through the Lens of Difference: Re-Narrating the Nation." Dr. Pollard announced that the next Presidential Dialogue will be in February, when she will welcome journalist Elaine Weiss and Professor Elsa Barkley Brown.

Dr. Pollard offered congratulations to the Universities at Shady Grove for the opening of its new Biomedical Sciences and Engineering Education Facility, which will house classrooms for healthcare, biosciences, engineering, computational science disciplines, and a community dental clinic. She acknowledged Trustee Mike Knapp, who serves as the chair of the USG Board of Advisors and deemed the new building important for Montgomery College as well, since about two-thirds of USG students started their studies at MC.

In other recognitions, Dr. Pollard congratulated the Montgomery College fall sports teams for completing their seasons. She reported that the men's soccer team finished the season at 13-6, and women's soccer finished 7-8-1. The volleyball team currently stands at 21-5 and won the NJCAA Region XX championship.

Dr. Pollard concluded her report with an overview of this month's *President's Focus*, which details how the areas of robotics and artificial intelligence are changing the industries of construction management and civil engineering. She reported that robotics, drones, and virtual reality are trends that have increased efficiency, accuracy, and safety, particularly on large building projects and in the planning stages of construction. With these innovations and tools now available, the workplace will look much different for students in these fields than it did even 10 years ago. Dr. Pollard stated that one of the priorities of our engineering and construction areas is to keep our faculty up-to-date so that they can convey these changes to students.

C. Chair's Report

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell began her report by thanking veterans and active duty service members for all they have given. She expressed her pride at being associated with Montgomery College, an institution that serves our veterans so well.

She went on to announce that the Board held a Constituent Conversation with students earlier in the evening to discuss the changing nature of work. She thanked the students for taking time out of their busy schedules to meet with the Board and to share their insights.

Transitioning to advocacy news, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported that earlier in November, the Board hosted a Legislative Reception for elected officials. Turnout was great and the elected officials at the event were most impressed with the students and considered them to be their favorite part of the evening.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell thanked her colleagues who attended the event, in addition to those who participated in the visits by elected officials to the Germantown Campus earlier this month. She also thanked Trustees who attended the grand opening event for the new building at the Universities at Shady Grove. She wrapped up her acknowledgements with a special mention of Trustee Knapp, who penned an op-ed piece in the Washington Post about the science education opportunities in Montgomery County.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell closed her report by thanking county council leadership for hosting a two-day Latino Summit, which took place earlier in November. The event included leaders from across the country and delved into the history of Latinos in the Americas. She emphasized that this kind of work, which addresses racial equality issues is important for our community and all its members to continue to grow and prosper.

D. Committee and Liaison Reports

i. Financial Sustainability Committee

Committee Chair Suggs Smith briefed the Board on the meeting of the Financial Sustainability Committee, which took place on November 13. She reported that the committee reviewed its work plan for this fiscal year, received an update on the county's budget plan for FY20, and discussed a new two-year budget planning process for the College. A draft preliminary budget was shared and next steps were outlined. Committee Chair Suggs Smith thanked her committee members, Trustee Hoffman and Trustee Morales, as well as Senior Vice President Donna Schena, Chief Business/Financial Strategy Officer Liz Greaney, and their staff for all their hard work.

ii. PIC MC Foundation Board

Liaison Trustee Brintnall briefed the Board on the meeting of the PIC MC Foundation Board, which took place on October 29. He reported that the growth of PIC MC continues with the planned construction of a building at 19710 Observation Drive, which will accommodate business, academic, and training uses. Development partner Minkoff/Scheer Partners will give a presentation about the project to the Board of Trustees at its meeting on December 16. Dr. Brintnall also reported that the PIC MC Foundation Board approved Zeshan Khan as its student board member for FY20. Mr. Khan is an ACES student who is part of the Southern Management Leadership Program. With an interest in biology, medicine, and entrepreneurship, he is an excellent choice for the PIC MC Foundation board. Trustee Brintnall thanked Senior Vice President for Advancement and Community Engagement David Sears and his staff for their excellent work.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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| BR#19-11-124 | Personnel Actions Confirmation Report |
| | Retirement Recognitions: |
| BR#19-11-125 | Modification of Policy 39003—Protection Against Retaliation |
| BR#19-11-126 | Retirement of Policy 72002—Art in College Capital Projects |

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the items of the consent agenda. Trustee Levine seconded.

The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

9. ACADEMIC MATTERS

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| BR#19-11-127 | Modification of the Network and Information Technology Associate of Applied Science |
| BR#19-11-128 | Creation of the Building Trades Technology Certificate |
| BR#19-11-129 | Creation of Interior Design Certificate |

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the three academic matter resolutions. Trustee Hoffman seconded.

Trustee discussion focused on the creation of the Building Trades and Interior Design certificates and their potential impact on students.

The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

10. RECOGNITION

BR#19-11-130

Naming of the Finance Lab in Memory of Gordon and Marilyn Macklin

Trustee Suggs Smith made a motion to approve the naming resolution. Trustee Hoffman seconded.

The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

BR#19-11-131

Award of Contract, NetApp Products and Services, Bid 520-010

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve this award of contract. Trustee Morales seconded.

The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

12. BUDGET MATTER

BR#19-11-132

The FY21 Capital Budget

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to approve the FY21 Capital Budget. Trustee Morales seconded.

The Board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

13. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the board.

14. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

There were no comments from Trustees.

15. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Trustee Levine and a second by Trustee Knapp, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.

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Gloria Aparicio Blackwell
Chair, Board of Trustees

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

Recorder: Lily Lee
Approved on: December 16, 2019