



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
Central Services, Board Room, 9221 Corporate Boulevard
In-person Public Participation or via Zoom Webinar • Webinar ID: 970 9003 9243
December 9, 2024

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

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell called a brief public meeting to order at 6:02 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 Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Chair
 Trustee Annice Cody, First Vice Chair
 Trustee Omar A. Lazo, Second Vice Chair (joined remotely)
 Trustee Michael A. Brintnall
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
 Trustee Marvin Dickerson
 Trustee David Hill
 Trustee Robert F. Levey
 Trustee Maricé I. Morales
 Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa (joined remotely)

C. MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

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

- discuss one personnel matter—subsection 1, and
- discuss one matter related to collective bargaining negotiations—subsection 9.

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

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 1	discuss a personnel matter	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.
3-305(b) Subsection 9	discuss strategies, position, and parameters to prepare	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.

	for collective bargaining negotiations		
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1. CONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees re-convened at 7:23 p.m. on December 9, 2024, in the Board Room of the Central Services Building, located at 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 Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Chair
Trustee Annice Cody, First Vice Chair
Trustee Omar Lazo, Second Vice Chair (joined online)
Trustee Michael A. Brinrnall
Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
Trustee Marvin Dickerson
Trustee David Hill
Trustee Robert F. Levey
Trustee Maricé I. Morales
Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa (joined online)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the public meeting agenda. Trustee Hill seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the fall semester concluded, Dr. Williams expressed appreciation for trustees, employees, and students for their dedication to the College's mission and for their impact on the community.

He provided an update on First-Generation College Student Day, which was highlighted by events at Raptor Central, including snacks, MC swag, and tailored resources like transfer advising and tutoring. Dr. Williams also recognized Professors Carla Naranjo and Shelley Jones for receiving the 2024 Transform Mid-Atlantic Global Citizenship Award for their work with the MC Global Classrooms Faculty Fellowship.

Dr. Williams continued his report with recognition of Native American Heritage Month in November. He reported that the MC Library curated a collection of resources to honor the Piscataway Conoy people and raise awareness of local Native American heritage, thereby reinforcing the College's dedication to equity and inclusion.

In other news, Dr. Williams reported that Montgomery College became a sponsor of Registered Apprenticeships in Biotechnology in Maryland. This program combines on-the-job training and related instruction, enabling students to earn an associate degree while employed full-time. Montgomery College has also joined the Presidents for Latino

Student Success Network, a collaboration of more than 200 college and university presidents whose goal is to share best practices for fostering environments where Latino students can thrive.

Concluding his report, Dr. Williams announced the launch of the Student Philanthropy Council, which is co-chaired by student leaders Laura Chin and Eman Saqib. Inspired by Kimmy Duong and Dr. Long Nguyen, the council promotes volunteerism, activism, and giving back.

B. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

i. Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee Report

Trustee Cody, chair of the Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee, reported that a meeting was held on December 3, with a primary focus to preview the proposed FY26 Current, Enterprise, and Other Funds Operating Budgets.

ii. PIC MC Foundation Liaison's Report

Trustee Brintnall, liaison to the PIC MC Foundation Board, provided a summary of their meeting, which took place on November 12, 2024. He also noted that the Holy Cross Hospital on the Germantown Campus recently marked their 10-year anniversary and acknowledged the work of PIC MC Foundation Board Chair Dr. Gail Wasserman, Mr. Tommy Luginbill, and Dr. Michelle Campbell.

iii. Montgomery College Foundation Board Liaison's Report

Trustee Lazo, liaison to the Montgomery College Foundation Board, provided a summary report of the meeting held on November 14, 2024. At that meeting, the MC Foundation Board received a fundraising update, noting that more than \$32 million has been raised toward its \$50 million campaign goal.

iv. Montgomery College Alumni Association Liaison's Report

Trustee Namugerwa, liaison to the Alumni Association, reported that a meeting was held on November 21, 2024. The meeting highlighted the association's progress in events, scholarships, strategic planning, and outreach, emphasizing renewed energy and vision for alumni engagement.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell began her report with gratitude for her colleagues and their commitment to Montgomery College. She provided an update on recent advocacy efforts and events attended by trustees and College representatives as part of the College's end-of-year activities.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell attended the Maryland 2024 Student Success Summit dinner hosted by the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The event focused on evaluating student success data under the theme "Harnessing Maryland's Potential Through Student Success."

On November 18, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell testified remotely at the Montgomery County Delegation Priorities Hearing, expressing gratitude and advocating for support of

the Takoma Park/Silver Spring library renovation project and continued full funding of the Cade formula for community colleges. She noted that several trustees attended the Committee for Montgomery Legislative Breakfast and the Minority Legislative Breakfast, events that mark the beginning of advocacy season.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell concluded her report by acknowledging the end of 2024 and extending best wishes for a happy Winter Break to the College community.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

BR#25-12-027 **November 11, 2024 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes**
November 11, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes
Personnel Actions Confirmation Report

Trustee Chapman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Hill seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. AWARD OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

BR#25-12-028 **Award of Contract, Strategic Communications, Bid e525-001**

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. POLICY MATTER

BR#25-12-029 **Modification of Policy 75004: Freedom of Expression**

Trustee Hill made a motion to approve the policy matter. Trustee Chapman seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. REGULATORY MATTER

BR#25-12-030 **The Montgomery College Audited Financial Statements for**
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the regulatory matter. Trustee Dickerson seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. BUDGET MATTER

Mr. Sherwin Collette and Ms. Liz Greaney presented the proposed Current, Enterprise, and Other Funds Budgets for FY26 as an information item.

The proposed FY26 budget request will be brought back to the board for consideration at their meeting on January 22, 2025.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

11. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell expressed her gratitude to the Montgomery College students and Trustee Namugerwa in particular. She wished trustees all the best over the winter holidays.

Trustee Hill expressed his appreciation to Dr. Michelle Scott. Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell and Trustee Brintnall echoed Trustee Hill's comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hill made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Trustee Levey seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Signature on file

Gloria Aparicio Blackwell
Chair, Board of Trustees

Signature on file

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

Recorder: Lily Lee
Approved on: January 22, 2025