



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland**  
**Board Room, Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Room 109**  
**In-person Public Participation or via Zoom Webinar • Webinar ID: 990 6389 8254**  
**September 16, 2024**

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

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell called a brief public meeting to order at 5:34 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 (joined online)  
                                  Trustee Omar Lazo, Second Vice Chair  
                                  Trustee Michael A. Brintnall  
                                  Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman  
                                  Trustee Marvin Dickerson  
                                  Trustee David Hill  
                                  Trustee Robert F. Levey  
                                  Trustee Maricé I. Morales (joined online)  
                                  Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa

**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 seven privacy and personnel matters—subsections 1 and 2; and
- discuss one privacy matter—subsection 2.

Trustee Levey made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Lazo seconded.

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) Subsections 1 and 2</b>	discuss personnel and privacy matters, including employment history and reputation in relation to recommendations of medallions	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.

<b>3-305(b) Subsection 2</b>	discuss donation history, reputation, and relationship of individuals in relation to a proposal to name a facility	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.
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**1. CONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees re-convened at 6:09 p.m. on September 16, 2024, in the Board Room of the Central Services Building, located at 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its September 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 (joined online)  
 Trustee Omar Lazo, Second Vice Chair  
 Trustee Michael A. Brintnall  
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman  
 Trustee Marvin Dickerson  
 Trustee David Hill  
 Trustee Robert F. Levey  
 Trustee Maricé I. Morales (joined online)  
 Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee Brissett Chapman made a motion to approve the public meeting agenda. Trustee Lazo seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. OATH OF OFFICE**

Ms. Karen Bushell, Montgomery County clerk of the circuit court, administered a ceremonial oath of office to trustees.

**5. REPORTS**

**A. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Williams welcomed everyone back to the new semester and recognized new Trustees Marvin Dickerson, David Hill, and Michelle Namugerwa, whose terms began on July 1, 2024. Dr. Williams reported that the semester began with Fall Convocation, which took place on August 26. Dr. Williams reported that he was joined by a panel of students who reflected the diversity of Montgomery College.

Continuing his report, Dr. Williams reported that the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15 to October 15 each year. This year College organizers have the theme of “Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together,” with programs and events to highlight the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions. Dr. Williams noted that recognitions like this help the College community celebrate its diversity, with 29% of our students identifying as Hispanic.

In other news, Dr. Williams updated the board regarding the College's fall enrollment, stating that credit enrollment numbers are up more than six percent over last year at this time and noncredit activity is also positive.

Turning his attention to recent rankings, Dr. Williams reported that Montgomery College is positioned as first in Maryland, 39th nationally out of 405 Hispanic Serving Institutions, and 40th out of almost 1,000 community colleges in Niche Best College's annual report. Additionally, Dr. Williams reported that WalletHub's 2024 rankings of community colleges named MC as the top two-year school in Maryland and 10th nationally.

Looking ahead, Dr. Williams highlighted a few upcoming College events, including Voter Registration Day on September 17, an event that is focused on Montgomery College's commitment to empowering students and strengthening democracy. Dr. Williams noted that ballot drop boxes have been installed on each campus for voting convenience and accessibility. He added that the Family Empowerment Resource Fair will be held at the Rockville Campus on September 21 and is an event meant to connect those who care for children with the resources they need to be successful parents and help them thrive in Montgomery County.

Dr. Williams expressed his appreciation to all who were involved in the completion of the Catherine and Isiah Leggett Math and Science Building on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. On September 19, the College will celebrate a significant milestone with a ribbon cutting event. Dr. Williams acknowledged the support of the Board throughout this process and the efforts of so many faculty and staff in bringing this building to completion.

Concluding his report, Dr. Williams wished Montgomery College a happy birthday, commemorating this date in 1948, when Montgomery College held its very first classes at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School.

## **B. FY24 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT**

Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services Sherwin Collette and Chief Business/Financial Strategy Officer Liz Greaney provided a summary report of income and expenditures of the fourth quarter of last fiscal year, FY24.

## **C. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell began her report with recognitions and welcomes to new Trustees Marvin Dickerson, David Hill, and Student Trustee Michelle Namugerwa, each of whom made brief comments. Chair Aparicio Blackwell also acknowledged the passing of former trustee, Dr. Judy Docca, in August.

Echoing Dr. Williams' report, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month and expressed her enthusiasm for the many events being planned at the College in this month in commemoration.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported that the board kicked off the new academic year with their Fall Retreat, held on September 6 at the Rockville Campus. She thanked Dr. Price, Professor Jana Anderson, and Professor Jessica Botta for organizing the wonderful hands-on educational activities at the Marriott Hospitality Center.

As a reminder, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell noted that the ribbon cutting event for the Catherine and Isiah Leggett Math and Science Building would take place on September 19 at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. Chair Aparicio Blackwell recalled that she was once a student taking classes at the Takoma Park Campus, and her experiences there made her who she is today.

In closing her report, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell congratulated Trustee Brissett Chapman for the publication of her new book, "Black Male Youth Raised in Public Systems: Engagement, Healing, Hope."

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

	<b>June 17, 2024 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes</b>
	<b>June 17, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>BR#25-09-001</b>	<b>Personnel Actions Confirmation Report</b>
<b>BR#25-09-002</b>	<b>Graduates Receiving Associate's Degrees and Program Certificates in Summer 2024</b>

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## 7. AWARDS OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

<b>BR#25-09-003</b>	<b>Award of Contract, Web-based Software Solution for Higher Education Workplace and Student Training, Bid e524-019</b>
<b>BR#25-09-004</b>	<b>Award of Contract, Media Buy Service Provider, Bid e524-024</b>

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## 8. REGULATORY MATTER

<b>BR#25-09-005</b>	<b>The 2024 Performance Accountability Report</b>
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Dr. John Hamman, chief analytics and insights officer, presented details of the 2024 Performance Accountability Report.

Trustee questions focused on specific details and benchmarks of the report.

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the board.

## 10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

There were no trustee comments.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Dickerson made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Trustee Lazo seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Gloria Aparicio Blackwell  
Chair, Board of Trustees

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

Recorder: Lily Lee