



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
Central Services Building, Board Room, 9221 Corporate Boulevard
In-person Public Participation or via Zoom Webinar • Webinar ID: 952 9797 6589
January 22, 2025

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

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell called a brief public meeting to order at 6:25 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
 Trustee Michael A. Brintnall
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
 Trustee Marvin Dickerson
 Trustee David Hill
 Trustee Robert F. Levey

Trustees Absent: Trustee Maricé I. Morales
 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 one personnel matter—subsection 1,
- discuss two personnel and privacy matters—subsections 1 and 2,
- discuss one matter related to collective bargaining negotiations—subsection 9;
and
- conduct three administrative functions.

Trustee Dickerson 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.

Statutory authority	Topic description	Persons present for discussion	Action Taken
3-305(b) Subsection 1	discuss a personnel matter related to the presidential evaluation	Trustees; president	Information only. No official action taken.
3-305(b) Subsections 1 and 2	discuss employment background and history related to medallion recommendations	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 related to collective bargaining negotiations	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.
3-301 Administrative Functions	discuss administrative functions related to board chair evaluation, board self-evaluation, and spring retreat planning	Trustees; president; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.

1. CONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees re-convened at 7:22 p.m. on January 22, 2025 in the Board Room of the Central Services Building, located at 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its January 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
 Trustee Michael A. Brintnall
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
 Trustee Marvin Dickerson
 Trustee Robert F. Levey

Trustees Absent: Trustee David Hill
 Trustee Maricé I. Morales
 Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa (joined online)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to approve the public meeting agenda. Trustee Dickerson seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED FY26 OPERATING BUDGET

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to open the public hearing of the Proposed FY26 Operating Budget. Trustee Lazo seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no speakers to provide comments at the hearing.

Trustee Brintrnall made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Lazo seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Williams welcomed everyone to the beginning of the Spring Semester and to Professional Week. He expressed gratitude for the tremendous support the College continues to receive and as students return to campus, reaffirmed Montgomery College's mission, goals, and values.

Dr. Williams reported that the Macklin Business Institute's 12th Raptor Tank competition took place. Showcasing student entrepreneurship, the winning team won \$2,500 in seed funding for their patient-tracking technology, designed for individuals with limited mobility.

Transitioning to other news, Dr. Williams reported that the several community outreach events were held at the East County Education Center (ECEC), including community gatherings, toy/clothing drives, a cybersecurity event, ESL/GED information sessions, and a community partner feedback session on the Academic Master Plan. Dr. Williams shared that while the feasibility study estimated that 1,000 students from the East County community would be served by the ECEC, the Center has surpassed that number within its first year.

Dr. Williams highlighted the Montgomery County Career Advising Program, or MoCo Cap. He reported that 50 new career advisors trained at MC are now guiding Montgomery County Public Schools students in grades 6 through 12 toward meaningful career and postsecondary pathways. Their efforts have already reached more than 41,000 MCPS students, with 78 percent of participants reporting greater clarity about their next steps and 84 percent believing they will work in their chosen fields.

Dr. Williams concluded his report with thanks to Susan Madden, chief government relations officer, for leading a conference session earlier in the evening. He also thanked everyone at the College and our trustees in advance for the work that will be done over the coming months to advocate for the College at all levels of government.

B. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

i. Board Development and Succession Planning Committee

Trustee Levey, chair of the Board Development and Succession Planning Committee, reported that a meeting was held on December 17th to discuss several key areas, including Board Prospect Development, Board Self-Evaluation, Board Officer Elections, and engagement with the Montgomery County Board of Education and Universities at Shady Grove.

ii. Student Success and Economic Impact Committee Report

The Student Success and Economic Impact Committee Report was deferred to the February meeting.

iii. 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 January 16. The committee received updates to the proposed FY26 Current, Enterprise, and Other Funds budgets and potential impacts of Governor Moore's priorities. Trustee Cody reported that the Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee endorses the proposed budget and believes that it is fiscally responsible while addressing the priorities and needs of the College.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell began her report with gratitude to trustees for their ongoing advocacy and support. She also acknowledged the work of College staff for developing the FY26 operating budget.

Transitioning to news of events, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported that the MLK Scholarship Breakfast, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, was held on Saturday, January 18. She thanked Trustees Dickerson and Namugerwa for attending.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reminded trustees that the Maryland Association of Community Colleges' Trustee Leadership Conference would take place on Monday, January 27, in Annapolis. She also reported that the Association of Community College Trustees' National Legislative Summit would take place February 9-12 in Washington, D.C.

Concluding her report, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell recognized Dr. Michelle T. Scott, who is retiring after nearly 28 years at Montgomery College. The board expressed its congratulations and gratitude for her immeasurable impact on the College.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

	December 9, 2024 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes
	December 9, 2024 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
	December 9, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes
BR#25-01-030	Personnel Actions Confirmation Report

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. AWARDS OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

BR#25-01-031	Award of Contract, Ice Storage Modules Replacement, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus, Bid 625-005
BR#25-01-032	Multiple Awards of Contract, On-call General Contracting Services, Bid e925-003

Trustee Dickerson made a motion to approve the awards of contract. Trustee Levey seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. POLICY MATTER
BR#25-01-033 **Retirement of Policy 32202: Temporary Adjunct Faculty Positions**

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to approve the policy matter. Trustee Dickerson seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. BUDGET MATTER
BR#25-01-034 **The FY26 Current, Enterprise, and Other Funds Budgets**

Trustee Dickerson made a motion to approve the budget matter. Trustee Lazo seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

11. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Chapman commended Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell and First Vice Chair Cody on their birthdays.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 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: February 17, 2025