BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland 20850
Central Services Building, Board Room, 9221 Corporate Boulevard
Zoom Meeting ID: 922 0468 2508
January 21, 2026

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

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell called a brief public meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. on January 21, 2026 via Zoom, Meeting ID 919 7092 0268, for the sole purpose of voting to go into closed session.

B. ROLL CALL–PUBLIC VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Trustees Present:
Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Chair
Trustee Annice Cody, First Vice Chair
Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman, Second Vice Chair
Trustee Michael A. Brintnall
Trustee Marvin Dickerson
Trustee David A. Hill
Trustee Omar A. Lazo
Trustee Jacqueline Manger
Trustee Marcia Brown Mintz
Trustee Renata Podlesny

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 two personnel matters—subsection 1,
- discuss one privacy matter—subsection 2,
- discuss five personnel and privacy matters—subsections 1 and 2,
- discuss one matter related to collective bargaining negotiations—subsection 9.

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Statutory authority	Topic description	Persons present for discussion	Action Taken
3-305(b) Subsection 1	review President's evaluation process	Trustees and Dr. Williams	Information only. No official action taken.

3-305(b) Subsection 1	discuss details of the President's employment contract	Trustees only	Information only. No official action taken.
3-305(b) Subsection 2	consider relationship, reputation, and donor history of confidential honorary degree nominees	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.
3-305(b) Subsections 1 and 2	consider employment history and reputation of retirees for award of emeriti status and medallions	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.
3-305(b) Subsection 9	consider matters related to ongoing negotiations with AAUP, AFSCME, and SEIU	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.

1. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reconvened the public meeting at 7:38 p.m. in the Board Room, Central Services Building, located at 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of the January meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Chair
Trustee Annice Cody, First Vice Chair
Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman, Second Vice Chair
Trustee Michael A. Brintnall
Trustee Marvin Dickerson
Trustee David A. Hill
Trustee Omar A. Lazo
Trustee Jacqueline C. Manger
Trustee Marcia Brown Mintz
Trustee Renata Podlesny

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Williams began his report with highlights of several achievements that reflect the College's continued focus on access, completion, and post-completion success, and its commitment to delivering meaningful outcomes for students and the region.

He reported that student Genevive Banaticla earned a Capital Emmy Award for her documentary work developed through experiential learning, underscoring the quality and professional relevance of academic pathways. In addition, Dr. Williams reported that the College's Model United Nations team, led by Dr. Nathan Zook, received national recognition for its performance, reflecting the value of applied learning in developing students' global, communication, and problem-solving skills. He rounded out his report of student achievements by recognizing Americo Mohamed Ali Nur, an alumnus who received international recognition for leadership in youth civic engagement and peace-building, illustrating the College's role in preparing students for both careers and community impact.

Dr. Williams expressed his gratitude to the faculty, staff, and employer partners who make MC's workforce and apprenticeship programs so impactful. He stated that their collective efforts strengthen our regional economy and exemplifies Montgomery College's commitment to access, completion, and post-completion success.

Dr. Williams concluded his report by noting that the highlights of his report illustrate the College's mission in action. He expressed gratitude to the Board of Trustees for its leadership and stewardship as the College moves forward with purpose and momentum.

B. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

i. BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Brissett Chapman, chair of the Board Development and Succession Committee, reported that on their January 13 meeting, the committee reviewed potential refinements to the board self-evaluation process, explored options for the board chair evaluation, and considered developing a new instrument to assess the effectiveness of the Board's committee structure. Concluding her report, Trustee Brissett Chapman reported that the committee will reconvene on March 17 to continue deliberations and finalize recommendations.

ii. BUDGET REVIEW AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Trustee Dickerson, chair of the Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee, reported that on their January 15 meeting, the committee discussed proposed updates to College Policy 61004: College Investment Program. The committee also came together on January 21 to receive an overview of the College's operating budget and learn of any impacts by the Governor's budget, which was released earlier the same day. Concluding his report, Trustee Dickerson expressed appreciation for staff's timely analysis and confidence in the College's budget preparation process.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell began her report by acknowledging the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and expressed appreciation for those who honor Dr. King's legacy through service and continued efforts to advance equity, justice, and opportunity in the community.

The Chair thanked College staff and others involved in developing the FY27 operating budget, noting that the process was particularly time-sensitive given the release of the Governor's budget earlier that day. Special recognition was given to staff who have been diligently tracking budget developments, with a more detailed report to be presented later in the meeting.

Concluding her report, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell noted that trustees will participate in the Maryland Association of Community Colleges' 2026 Trustee Leadership Conference in Annapolis on January 26, where trustees from across the state will discuss legislative priorities and meet with state elected officials. The Chair also shared that some trustees will attend the Association of Community College Trustees' National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, next month to engage in federal advocacy on behalf of community colleges.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

	December 8, 2025 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes
	December 8, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes
	December 8, 2025 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
BR#26-01-034	**Personnel Actions Confirmation Report**

Trustee Dickerson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Hill seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. AWARD OF CONTRACT

BR#26-01-035	**Award of Contract, Architectural and Engineering Services for the Student Services Center, Germantown Campus, Bid 626-001**

Trustee Brissett Chapman made a motion to approve the award of contract. Trustee Dickerson seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. ACADEMIC MATTERS

BR#26-01-036	**Creation of the Accounting Associate of Applied Science**
BR#26-01-037	**Creation of the Animation Associate of Fine Arts and Animation Certificate**

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to approve the academic matters. Trustee Dickerson seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. BUDGET MATTER

BR#26-01-038	**The FY27 Current, Enterprises, and Other Funds Budgets**

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

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 Hill 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 8:19 p.m.

Signature on file	Signature on file
Gloria Aparicio Blackwell Chair, Board of Trustees	Dr. Jermaine F. Williams President and Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Recorder: Lily Lee
Approved on: February 16, 2026