BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland 20850
Central Services Building, Board Room, 9221 Corporate Boulevard
Zoom Meeting ID: 983 0497 5764
February 16, 2026

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

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell called a brief public meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. on February 16, 2026, in room S408 of the Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, 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 Absent: 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 one personnel matter—subsection 1,
- discuss one matter related to collective bargaining negotiations—subsection 9, and
- conduct one administrative function related to planning the board's spring retreat.

Trustee Hill made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Dickerson 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	discuss details of the President's employment contract	Trustees only	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.
3-301 Conduct an Administrative Function	discussion and planning of the board'sFY26 Spring Retreat	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 7:21 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 Jacqueline C. Manger
Trustee Marcia Brown Mintz
Trustee Renata Podlesny

Trustee Absent: Trustee Omar A. Lazo

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Williams began his report with recognition of Black History Month, noting that the College continues to advance educational excellence, belonging, and student success through initiatives that affirm and support all students.

Dr. Williams reported that earlier in February, students participated in Student Advocacy Day in Annapolis and met with state legislators to discuss access to affordable higher education. In addition, several students also testified before the Montgomery County Council, advocating for the College's capital priorities, including a new Theatre Arts Building.

Dr. Williams acknowledged the Board of Trustees' recent advocacy efforts, including participation in the Maryland Association of Community Colleges virtual conference and the ACCT National Legislative Summit, which provided an opportunity to meet with

Maryland legislators, including Senator Chris Van Hollen and Representative April McClain Delaney on Capitol Hill.

Transitioning to recognitions, Dr. Williams highlighted that eighteen MC theatre students earned standout recognition at the American College Theatre Festival Region 2, where they competed against students from 80 colleges and universities across nine states.

Dr. Williams expressed appreciation to Facilities and Public Safety staff who worked during severe winter weather to maintain safe campus operations, including supporting continued food distribution by Manna Food Center at the Germantown Campus.

Concluding his report, Dr. Williams noted that national enrollment trends show strong growth in the community college sector and reported that Montgomery College's enrollment growth exceeds state, regional, and national benchmarks, reflecting the impact of student-centered strategies and workforce-aligned programs.

B. LIAISON REPORTS

i. MONTGOMERY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LIAISON'S REPORT

Trustee Podlesny, liaison to the Montgomery College Alumni Association, reported on the Association's January 22 meeting. The group received an update from Amy Tutt, director of government relations operations, who outlined the College's 2026 advocacy timelines and objectives.

The Association also heard from Bernadette Maldonado, vice president of development and alumni relations, who provided an update on the Pathways to Excellence Partnership Program.

The meeting concluded with news on the Mobile Markets initiative, Raptors Spirit Night, and recent highlights from alumni donors, along with progress toward the Alumni Relations Strategic Plan.

ii. MONTGOMERY COLLEGE FOUNDATION LIAISON'S REPORT

Trustee Cody, liaison to the Montgomery College Foundation, reported on the February 5 meeting. The Foundation Board received updates from their Development and Impact Committee on the launch of the Pathways to Excellence Partnership Program; from their Treasurer's Committee confirming approval of the Foundation's Form 990 filing; and from their Governance Committee, which will begin a scheduled review of the Foundation's bylaws as part of its five-year cycle.

The Foundation Board also approved emeritus status for Ken Cook in recognition of his 29 years of service and longstanding dedication to Montgomery College students.

Looking ahead, the next Foundation Board meeting will be held on May 28, 2026.

C. FY26 SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Senior Vice President for Administrative and Fiscal Services and Chief Operating Officer Sherwin Collette and Chief Business/Financial Strategy Officer Liz Greaney provided a summary report of income and expenditures of the second quarter of the present fiscal year, FY26.

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell began her report by noting that the meeting coincided with Presidents' Day and acknowledged the cultural and historical observances recognized during the month of February, including Black History Month, Lunar New Year, Mardi Gras, and Ramadan.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported that, despite a winter storm, trustees and staff participated virtually in the MACC Trustee Leadership Conference hosted by the Maryland Association of Community Colleges. The conference brought together trustees from Maryland's 16 community colleges to network and discuss shared priorities. During the program, Montgomery College student Diane Carrillo shared her experience attending community college while raising a family. Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell thanked the trustees and staff who participated in the conference.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported that she provided testimony before the Montgomery County Council in support of the College's FY27 Capital Budget. She was joined by several Montgomery College students and alumni, who also testified during the two days of hearings in support of the College's priorities.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell concluded her report by thanking the trustees who attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., which provides community college leaders with information on federal policy issues affecting postsecondary education.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

	January 21, 2026 Conference Session Minutes
	January 21, 2026 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes
	January 21, 2026 Public Meeting Minutes
BR#26-02-039	**Personnel Actions Confirmation Report**

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

6. RECOGNITIONS

BR#26-02-040	**Recognition of Retirements**
BR#26-02-041	**Awards of Honorary Degrees**
BR#26-02-042	**Awards of Emeriti Status**
BR#26-02-043	**Award of Emerita Status and Bronze Medallion to Dr. Sue Haddad**
BR#26-02-044	**Award of Emerita Status and Bronze Medallion to Dr. Tonya Mason**
BR#26-02-045	**Award of Bronze Medallion to Ms. Cynthia Lee Mauris**
BR#26-02-046	**Award of Emeritus Status and Bronze Medallion to Dr. Timothy Watt**
BR#26-02-047	**Tribute and Award of Emeritus Status to Mr. Christopher M. Novak**

Trustee Dickerson made a motion to approve the recognition items. Trustee Brissett Chapman seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams and Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell presented a framed tribute to the family members of the late Mr. Christopher M. Novak.

7. COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS MATTER
BR#26-02-048 Authorization to Amend Montgomery College's 403(b) and 457(b) Retirement Plans

Trustee Hill made a motion to approve the compensation and benefits matter. Trustee Dickerson seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. POLICY MATTERS
BR#26-02-049 Modification of Policy 62004: Crowdfunding
BR#26-02-050 Modification of Policy 95005: Protection of Minors

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. STRATEGIC PLANNING
Progress Toward Strategic Plan Intended Outcomes Report

Dr. Debbie Van Camp, director of planning and policy, provided a report of midyear progress on Strategic Plan intended outcomes of focus.

10. ACCREDITATION MATTER
Middle States Self-Study Update Report

Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee Co-Chairs Tonya Addleman, Dr. Glenda Hernandez Tittle, and Dr. Sylvea Hollis provided an update of the College's current self-study process for reaccreditation.

11. BOARD MATTER
Proposed FY27 Schedule of Board Meetings

The proposed schedule of board meetings for next fiscal year was presented to the board as an information item. Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell requested trustees to review the draft schedule and submit feedback to the Board Team by March 6.

The final schedule of meetings will be presented to the board for action at their March public meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the board.

13. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

There were no Trustee comments.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hill 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 8:50 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: April 20, 2026