



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery Community College, Rockville, Maryland
June 28, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College met in open session on June 28, 2012, in the Trustee Board Room, Mannakee Building, Rockville, Maryland. The open session meeting was called to order by the chair at 5:25 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Stephen Kaufman, chair, Reginald Felton, 1st vice chair (via teleconference), Marsha Suggs Smith, 2nd vice chair, Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Jonathan Jayes-Green, Kenneth Hoffman, Michael Knapp, Leslie Levine, and Michael Priddy

Present Ex-Officio: President and Secretary/Treasurer Dr. DeRionne Pollard

Absent: Trustee Michael Lin

Resource Staff Present: Dr. Stephen Cain, chief of staff/chief strategy officer
Ms. Arlean Graham, administrative manager, Board of Trustees
Ms. Cathy Jones, senior vice president for administrative and fiscal services
Dr. Donald Pearl, senior vice president for academic affairs
Mr. Rocky Sorrell, general counsel (via teleconference)

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Smith moved to approve the agenda; Trustee Hoffman seconded the motion, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Board.

4. SUPPORT OF THE POLICIES OF THE MARYLAND DREAM ACT

BR# 12-06-063 Support of the Policies of the Maryland Dream Act

Dr. Pollard introduced and highlighted certain portions of the resolution in support of the policies of the Maryland Dream Act. Trustee Kaufman thanked Dr. Pollard for presenting the resolution for the Board's consideration.

On motion by Trustee Smith, and second by Trustee Blackwell, the Board approved the resolution by unanimous vote.

Trustee Kaufman reminded everyone about the three major provisions in the Act. The Dream Act provides to undocumented students local in-state rates for tuition in Maryland community colleges (and four-year colleges with additional requirements), provided that:

- (1) a student can show attendance in a Maryland high school for at least three years;
- (2) the student's parents filed tax returns in Maryland during periods between attendance in high school and attendance at community colleges; and
- (3) the student commits to seeking legal status upon eligibility.

Trustee Kaufman noted that the Board does not think the Dream Act goes far enough for undocumented students.

Trustee Priddy provided comments on how an education is provided to high school students in the county and state and noted that the College must now look at a parent's eligibility to determine if a student can attend Montgomery College. He noted his concern about access to a higher education.

Trustee Blackwell noted that she was excited about the resolution, that there may be an opportunity to modify the language, and that the College can work on this so that it would not be penalized. She said that the Dream Act is for all people, not just Latinos.

Trustee Felton expressed his excitement for the College to have an opportunity to take a position on the Dream Act. He indicated that the Act does not go far enough for undocumented students. He noted that this is the current law and the College must operate within the law. It is important for the College to show support for the community.

Trustee Jayes-Green noted that as a student, and now a graduate, he was very proud of Montgomery College for many reasons, and now proud that the Board supports this resolution.

Trustee Smith stated that she is proud of the College and community. She noted that an education is not for a few, but for many. She said that the College understands the value of an education for citizens and people that come across our borders. She said she considers Montgomery College to be a trailblazer.

Trustee Hoffman echoed Trustee Jayes-Green's comments. He said that the College is an oasis for people. He said that there is some fear that the Dream Act may be overturned, but the College is at the leading edge on this issue.

Trustee Kaufman expressed his excitement for having a unanimous vote from the Board and for passing the resolution. He noted that this would be a significant day in the history of Montgomery College. The College is at the forefront for access where all people can fulfill their dreams to have an education. He said that this is a terrific day, and the Board's courage is very important to the College community.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

6. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Title 10-508, subject to Chapter 655 of the Laws of 1991, the chair announced that the Board voted unanimously to convene a closed session on June 28, 2012, in room 318 in the Mannakee Building at 4:30 p.m. to receive legal advice (subsection 7).

On motion by Trustee Jayes-Green to adjourn, and second by Trustee Levine, the motion unanimously passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Stephen Z. Kaufman
Chair, Board of Trustees



DeRionne P. Pollard, Ph.D.
President and Secretary-Treasurer,
Board of Trustees

Recorder: Arlean B. Graham