



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Germantown Maryland
Room 302, Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard Student Affairs and Science Building
In-person Public Participation or via Zoom Webinar • Webinar ID:987 2455 6355
November 11, 2024

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

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell called a brief public meeting to order at 6:02 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 Michael A. Brintnall
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
 Trustee Marvin Dickerson
 Trustee David Hill
 Trustee Robert F. Levey
 Trustee Maricé I. Morales
 Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa

Trustee Absent: Trustee Lazo, Second Vice Chair

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 matter related to collective bargaining negotiation matters— subsection 9, and
- conduct one administrative function.

Trustee Hill made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Levey 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 9	discuss strategies, position, and parameters to prepare for collective bargaining negotiations	Resource persons: Ms. Liz Greaney, Ms. Carol Kliever, Ms. Krista Leitch Walker. Trustees; president; chief of staff; general	Information only. No official action taken.

		counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	
3-301 Administrative Function	conduct an administrative function related to discussion of impacts and implications of recent elections on effective and sustainable board governance	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.

1. CONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees re-convened at 7:14 p.m. on November 11, 2024, in Room 302 of the Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard Student Affairs and Science Building, located at 20200 Observation Drive, Germantown, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its November 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 (joined online)
 Trustee Michael A. Brintnall
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
 Trustee Marvin Dickerson
 Trustee David Hill
 Trustee Robert F. Levey
 Trustee Maricé I. Morales
 Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Morales 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 a theme of gratitude, expressing thanks to the Germantown Campus for hosting the board and providing trustees with a wonderful immersive experience in the Engineering Lab. He also acknowledged Veteran’s Day and expressed appreciation for the students, faculty, staff, and board members who served, specifically recognizing Trustee Brintnall, whose own service exemplifies his commitment.

Transitioning to the topic of educational access, Dr. Williams noted that the College’s fall enrollment numbers show a 5.8% increase in headcount over fall 2023. This rate outpaces the national community college enrollment growth of 4.3%. He reported that by the end of the third full week of the fall semester, there were 18,835 credit students enrolled at MC, with a 4.3% increase over last fall of the first-time-ever-in-college

(FTEIC) students. This number stands in stark contrast with national enrollment levels, which are in decline.

In other news, Dr. Williams reported that MC's nursing program was recently ranked 10th nationally among all colleges and universities for the best associate's degrees in nursing by *All Nurses*. He also reported that the 2024 Maryland Male Student of Color Summit was held recently and featured keynote speaker, author, and activist Kevin Powell. The event was attended by Attorney General Anthony Brown and Councilmembers Will Jawando and Lori Anne Sayles. Dr. Williams continued the good news with a report of three MC faculty members who were recently awarded prestigious Overseas Faculty Development Seminar grants. These grants are funded by the U.S. State Department and U.S. Department of Education and will allow these faculty members to travel abroad to deepen their international perspectives, enriching courses and curricula at MC.

Dr. Williams reported that the public launch of the College's historic \$50 million capital campaign took place on October 30 at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. He extended a heartfelt thank you to everyone whose energy and passion made the campaign launch a success, including several trustees who attended. He expressed his deepest appreciation for the College's many donors whose dedication to our mission and our students makes a difference for students every single day.

Dr. Williams concluded his report with thanks to Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell for joining him at the MCPS Latina Legacy Conference on November 7. It was an inspiring event at which approximately 600 Latina high school students visited the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus to learn about leadership and become inspired to reach their highest potential.

B. COMMITTEE REPORT

Board Development and Succession Planning Committee

Trustee Levey, chair of the Board Development and Succession Planning Committee, reported that the first meeting of this fiscal year was held on October 15. Together with fellow members Trustee Brintnall and Trustee Dickerson, the committee continued its work of future-proofing the board. The committee reviewed several topics, including the Board Development Guide, the status of its skills matrix in OnBoard, board engagement plans for FY25, board prospect development, the board's self-evaluation instruments, and potential partnership with the MCPS Board of Education.

C. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT FOR FY25 FIRST QUARTER

Senior Vice President Sherwin Collette and Chief Business/Financial Strategy Officer Liz Greaney delivered a summary report of revenues and expenditures for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2025, which ended on September 30, 2024.

D. CHAIR'S REPORT

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell echoed Dr. Williams' theme of gratitude and began her report with acknowledgement of the work of the board for promoting and advancing the College's visibility locally and nationally. She thanked trustees for their participation at the Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress, where she, Dr.

Williams, and Ms. Kimberly Jones gave a presentation entitled “How a Commitment to Inclusion and Belonging Strengthens Board Work.”

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported that earlier that evening, the trustees had the opportunity to participate in an immersive academic programmatic activity, which was designed by the engineering program faculty, staff, and students. On behalf of the board, she thanked the exceptional Germantown Campus community for their gracious hospitality.

In other news, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell acknowledged the College’s partnership with the MCPS Office of Strategic Initiatives and the Latino Student Achievement Action Group for their efforts that contribute to building a college-going culture and sense of belonging for Montgomery County students.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell concluded her report with congratulations to President Williams, the Montgomery College Foundation Board of Directors, and Catherine and Isiah Leggett, for launching the MC Foundation Campaign. She thanked the trustees who attended this key College event that supports student success and the power of philanthropy.

E. CONVERSATION WITH GERMANTOWN CONSTITUENTS

The Board engaged with Germantown Constituents — Mr. Greg Downs, engineering staff member; Ms. Lexie Huber, engineering alumna; and Mr. Craig Garrison Mogren, engineering faculty. Mr. Downs, Ms. Huber, and Mr. Mogren discussed their work with the Fall Design Challenges, which are annual events that encourage engineering students to collaborate across disciplines on the design and implementation of a specified project.

The board thanked each of the constituents and bid Ms. Huber the best of luck in her future endeavors as an MC alumna.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

	October 14, 2024 Constituent Conversation Minutes
	October 14, 2024 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes
	October 14, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes
BR#25-11-021	Personnel Actions Confirmation Report
BR#25-11-022	Graduates Receiving Associates Degrees and Program Certificates in Fall 2024
BR#25-11-023	National and State of Maryland Designated Awareness Days and Months for 2025

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. AWARDS OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

BR#25-11-024	Award of Contract, Life/AD&D, Disability and Voluntary Benefits, Bid e925-001
BR#25-11-025	Award of Contract, Construction Manager at Risk for the Rockville Macklin Tower Library Renovation, Rockville Campus—Part I, Bid 625-004

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. BUDGET MATTER

The Proposed FY26 Biennial Capital Budget Request

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. PROGRESS TOWARD TRANSFORMATIONAL ASPIRATIONS AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr. John Hamman, chief analytics and insights officer, provided an update on the College's Strategic Plan and progress toward Transformational Aspirations.

Trustees engaged in robust discussion with questions focused on context and meaning behind some of the data points presented.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell opened the floor to those trustees who attended the ACCT Leadership Congress.

Trustee Hill commented on his experience at the conference and expressed pride in Montgomery College.

Trustee Lazo echoed Trustee Hill's sentiments and expressed his appreciation for the community college ethos of holistic support of students.

Trustee Levey reminded his trustee colleagues to continue advocating for the College with community and political leaders.

10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

There were no trustee comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 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: December 9, 2024