



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
Board Room, Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard
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May 16, 2022

A. May 16, 2022 Public Vote to go into Closed Session

On May 16, 2022, at 5:44 p.m., Board Chair Knapp called a brief public meeting to order in room S408 of the Central Services Building, located at 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, for the sole purpose of voting to go into closed session. The public was invited to participate via Zoom teleconference.

Trustees present: Trustee Michael J. Knapp, Chair
Trustee Michael A. Brintnall, First Vice Chair
Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, Second Vice Chair
Trustee Kenneth J. Hoffman
Trustee Omar A. Lazo
Trustee Robert F. Levey
Trustee Maricé I. Morales
Trustee Evan J. Wellek, student

Trustee absent: Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell (joined at 5:46 p.m.)
Trustee Marsha Suggs Smith (joined at 5:46 p.m.)

Board Chair Knapp announced that pursuant to the General Provisions Article 3-305(b), the meeting would be closed only to:

- discuss four personnel and privacy matters—subsection 2; and to
- carry out an administrative function related to the FY22 Trustee and Board Self-Assessment.

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

Trustee Levey made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Morales seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was then closed at 5:46 p.m. under the following provision of General Provisions Article 3-305(b):

Statutory authority	Topic description	Persons present for discussion	Action Taken
3-305(b) Subsections 1 and 2	Discuss employment and service history related to medallion recommendations	All trustees; general counsel; senior vice presidents; special assistant to the president for board relations, operations and services; board staff	Information only. No action taken.
3-301 Administrative Function	Complete the FY22 Trustee and Board Self-Assessment workbook	All trustees; general counsel; senior vice presidents; special assistant to the president for board relations, operations and services; board staff	Information only. No action taken.

1. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees reconvened at 6:30 p.m. on May 16, 2022, in the Board Room of the Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its March meeting. The public was invited to participate in person or via Zoom teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

- Trustee Michael J. Knapp, Chair
- Trustee Michael A. Brintnall, First Vice Chair
- Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, Second Vice Chair
- Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell
- Trustee Kenneth J. Hoffman
- Trustee Omar A. Lazo
- Trustee Robert F. Levey
- Trustee Maricé I. Morales
- Trustee Marsha Suggs Smith
- Trustee Evan J. Wellek, student

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Brintnall seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. April 18, 2022 Conference Session Minutes**
- B. April 18, 2022 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes**
- C. April 18, 2022 Public Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the three sets of minutes. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS

A. Conversation with Constituents

Dr. Williams introduced Adjo Evonlah and Arianna Thomas who shared their stories of how HERFF funds supported them as students. The two students commenced the final conversations for the fiscal year. Adjo and Arianna thanked the trustees and the College for all of their support that ultimately, not only helped them but their families as well.

B. President's Report

Dr. Williams began by sharing a summary of the end of semester activities. He shared that honors convocation occurred at two of the three campuses, with the third occurring within the next day. He was greatly impressed by the accomplishments of the Presidential Academic Excellence Award winners. President Williams was also honored to present awards to several MC students at the state's Phi Theta Kappa celebrations.

Dr. Williams shared the overwhelming news that three MC students were selected as Jack Kent Cooke awardees. The students awarded the very prestigious transfer scholarships are: Anna Chacon, Eve Elias Stowell, and Marthe Medalebem Sandjol. President Williams informed the trustees that only 100 awards were given this year in the nation and that the scholarships would provide each student with up to \$55,000 a year to complete their bachelor's degrees. Dr. Williams expressed his gratitude for the faculty and staff who helped the students to earn these scholarships. He also acknowledged the 10 semi-finalists this year.

In other academic news, Dr. Williams gave a huge shout-out to the College's latest Fulbright faculty winner, Dr. Tiffany Thames Copeland, whose work in communications will take her to Ghana on this prestigious U.S. State Department fellowship. She is the twelfth faculty member to receive this honor at the College.

On the community front, Dr. Williams shared that the College is thrilled to be a part of a new workforce and economic development partnership through the ignITe Hub. ignITe stands for Innovative Growth in Next Generation IT Empowerment and is a collaborative space on the Rockville Campus that will extend the work of Montgomery Can Code to the entire county. The grand opening was on Saturday, May 14, and will serve the needs of business start-ups as well as residents seeking in-demand skills and good jobs.

In innovation news, Dr. Williams announced the faculty and staff winners of the 2022 Innovation Grants. Three projects were selected to be funded for a total of \$65,000 with funds from the Montgomery College Foundation.

President Williams added that one of the grants will create a pilot program to conduct wastewater surveillance on MC campuses for early detection of SARS CoV-2. The second project creates a WDCE mobile career center to offer community members pop-up services such as language literacy assessments, career coaching, advising, and career readiness in various neighborhoods. The final project will help newly enrolled, underrepresented students to navigate the process of applying for grants and scholarships to cover their college education with specialized training and support.

Dr. Williams thanked all divisions for their unwavering support and work to create memorable experiences for our students as we round the bend of our dual commencement ceremonies. President Williams shared that hosting two ceremonies that are also livestreamed outside, in new physical space takes planning, patience, and cooperation.

Dr. Williams also expressed his appreciation for the members of the Presidential Transition Advisory Committee who are already working to recommend events, people, and strategies for him to engage thoroughly with the College and the community.

Dr. Williams acknowledged his grief over the mass shootings over the weekend in Buffalo, New York. He stressed the importance of the College and community condemning these acts of hatred, which were acknowledged to be racially motivated.

President Williams said that he sent a message earlier that day to students, faculty, and staff about how they can access psychological support and our Let's Talk series will be offering a dialogue in the near future, so that the College community can keep conversation about racism and violence alive in our community.

C. Chair's Report

Board Chair Knapp shared that the Board held its first in-person retreat with Dr. Williams as our new president. The retreat was an opportunity for the board/president to interact, engage in dialogue, and to be introspective, and collaboratively reflect about future priorities for the board, president, and Montgomery College. Board Chair Knapp thanked First Vice Chair Brintnall, Second Vice Chair Lacey, and Dr. Williams for assuring the success of the retreat.

Board Chair Knapp reminded the trustees that Commencement would be held in-person for the first time in three years. He added that earlier in the evening, they heard from Ms. Joyce Matthews and the commencement co-chairs Ms. Tonya Baker and Mr. Scott Youngblood. Board Chair Knapp expressed his thanks to them and all the College staff for their time and effort to make this in-person commencement a reality. He concluded commencement news with congratulating their very own Trustee Evan Wellek, who will be graduating at this year's commencement ceremony.

Board Chair Knapp shared that the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner was held May 15. The event's theme, "The Fight Continues: Preserving Our Vote, Health, and Civil Rights," highlighted current events. He thanked Trustees Aparicio Blackwell and Hoffman for attending on behalf of the College.

Board Chair Knapp also shared that Montgomery College and Montgomery County Public Schools will host its inaugural Dual Enrollment Recognition Ceremony at the Universities of Shady Grove on Tuesday, May 17. During the event, nearly 270 students from the MCPS Class of 2022 will be recognized for their scholastic achievement in attaining or near completion of an associate degree via the MC/MCPS Early College, Middle College, Pathways in Network and Information Technology (P-TECH), and Jump Start to College dual enrollment programs. Board Chair Knapp thanked Vice Chairs Brintnall, Lacey, and Trustees Aparicio Blackwell, Lazo, and Hoffman for agreeing to attend.

In his final remarks, Board Chair Knapp shared that the Board discussed its FY22 self-assessment earlier in the evening and will complete it by their June meeting.

D. Committee Reports

I. Policy and Governance Committee

Trustee Hoffman, chair of the Policy and Governance Committee, reported that the committee met on Wednesday, April 27. At this meeting is, the committee reviewed and unanimously accepted the recommended edits to the board's bylaws given by Dr. Cain, Dr. Scott, and Mr. Dietz. Trustee Hoffman concluded his report by sharing that the committee will recommend the edits to the full board for acceptance at the June Board of Trustees meeting.

II. Student Success Committee

Trustee Wellek, vice-chair of the Student Success Committee, reported that the committee met on Wednesday, May 11. At this meeting, the committee reviewed the top 10 earning jobs in the region with commensurate program demographics and the 10 lowest earning jobs with commensurate program demographics. This was followed by a presentation on how financial aid works at MC along with demographics and an update on the relatively new Presidential Scholars Program.

They then heard about public and private grants at MC along with appropriate demographics as well as WDCE grants and initiatives, specifically those that address underserved populations, many of which, like ESL, are free to residents and continue to serve large numbers of residents of color. The meeting concluded with a robust discussion about the data and the impact of programs and initiatives on students of color as well as low income students.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

BR#22-05-071	Personnel Actions Confirmation Report
BR#22-05-072	Naming of the Food Pantry on the Rockville Campus in Honor of the McGuire Family
BR#22-05-073	Graduates Receiving Associates Degrees and Certificates in Fall 2021
BR#22-05-074	Graduates Receiving Associates Degrees and Certificates in Spring 2022

Trustee Suggs Smith made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. AWARDS OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

BR#22-05-075	Award of Contract, Classification and Compensation Related Services, Bid e522-016
BR#22-05-076	Award of Contract, WDCE Healthcare Related Certification Courses, Bid e522-012
BR#22-05-077	Award of Contract, Leica Microscope Systems, Bid e522-018

BR#22-05-078 Award of Contract, Planetarium Equipment, Bid e522-019

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. ACADEMIC MATTER

BR#22-05-079 Modification of the Cisco Certified Network Associate + Security Certificate

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. REGULATORY MATTER

BR#22-05-080

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to approve the fee matter. Trustee Suggs Smith seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

11. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

There were no trustee comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Signature on file

Michael J. Knapp
Chair, Board of Trustees

Signature on file

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams
President and Secretary-Treasurer,
Board of Trustees

Recorder: Bridget T. Abraham
Approved on: June 22, 2022