



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
Board Room, Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard
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October 16, 2023

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

Board Chair Brintnall called a brief public meeting to order at 6:05 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 Michael A. Brintnall, Chair
 Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, First Vice Chair
 Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Second Vice Chair
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
 Trustee Annice Cody
 Trustee Judy Docca
 Trustee Omar A. Lazo
 Trustee Robert F. Levey
 Trustee Maricé I. Morales
 Trustee Rishi G. Nixon

C. MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

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

- consider matters related to collective bargaining negotiations with AAUP, AFSCME, and SEIU – subsection 9.

Trustee Levey made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Morales seconded the motion.

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	To consider matters related to collective bargaining negotiations with AAUP, AFSCME, and SEIU	Trustees; president; chief of staff/chief strategy officer; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No action taken.

1. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees reconvened at 6:50 p.m. on October 16, 2023, in the Board Room of the Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its October meeting. The public was invited to participate in person or via Zoom teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Trustee Michael A. Brintnall, Chair
 Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, First Vice Chair
 Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Second Vice Chair
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
 Trustee Annice Cody
 Trustee Judy Docca
 Trustee Omar A. Lazo
 Trustee Robert F. Levey
 Trustee Maricé I. Morales
 Trustee Rishi G. Nixon

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the public meeting agenda. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORTS

A. President's Report

Dr. Williams began his report with acknowledgment of the current war in the Middle East and encouraged everyone in the College community to reach out to colleagues and friends who may be suffering.

Transitioning to enrollment news, Dr. Williams reported that the College has seen an increase in students this fall compared to last fall, with official credit enrollment figures standing at 17,781 students taking 159,627 credit hours. That is a 3.8% increase in students and a 6.2% increase in credit hours compared to fall 2022, and the first time the College has seen a fall-to-fall increase since 2012.

In acknowledgement of the Conversation with Constituents that took place earlier that evening, Dr. Williams thanked the members of the College Council and expressed appreciation for their commitment to ongoing communication concerning the important issues of the Montgomery College community.

Turning his attention to student accomplishments, Dr. Williams announced that four student winners of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) marketing challenge are from Montgomery College. The EPA will use results from the students' research to find partnerships for each of its water technologies, which will lead to practical application of these technologies for environmental and public health protection.

Dr. Williams also gave thanks to Trustees Aparicio Blackwell and Morales for participating in the Second Annual Latina Legacy Conference, an event to empower and inspire Latina female high school students.

With even more good news, Dr. Williams reported that Montgomery College has been awarded over \$3.2 Million by the National Science Foundation through three separate grants — the EmpowerED: Building the Future Workforce Together Grant, the Beginnings: Democratizing Research and Experiential Education for Microelectronics (DREEM) Grant, and the Achieving Upward Socio-Economic Mobility Grant.

Concluding his report, Dr. Williams stated that more than 400 students on all three campuses participated in voter education and registration drives hosted by the Office of Student Life and MC Votes, which is a group of students, faculty, and staff working together to encourage voter education. These drives were part of efforts around National Voter Registration Day last month. Dr. Williams expressed his gratitude for the work of offices like Student Life and groups like MC Votes for their efforts to educate students about voting.

B. Committee and Liaison Reports

i. Montgomery College Alumni Association Liaison's Report

Trustee Nixon, liaison to the Montgomery College Alumni Association, reported that the Alumni Association Board of Governors met on September 21. The meeting began with a reception at which Board of Governors members had an opportunity to meet several alumni scholarship recipients, many of whom were international students. Trustee Nixon reported that updates were received by the Board of Governors from their Scholarship and Events Planning Committees. Future

ii. Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee Report

Trustee Lazo, chair of the Budget Review and Financial Sustainability Committee, reported that fellow Trustees Aparicio Blackwell, Brissett Chapman, and Cody, along with Board Chair Brintnall and Dr. Williams, met for their first meeting on October 2. Committee goals were reviewed and the meeting schedule were confirmed. In addition, the committee previewed the Proposed FY25 Capital Budget and received an update on the College's Facilities Master Plan proces, a presentation that would be given to the full Board later that evening.

iii. Community Engagement and Access Committee Report

Trustee Cody, chair of the Community Engagement and Access Committee, reported that fellow Trustees Docca, Levey, and Nixon, met for their first meeting on October 3. Dr. Brown, Dr. Campbell, and their respective teams updated the committee on the topics of FY23 Community Engagement activities and the College's Presidential Scholars Program.

iv. Board Development and Succession Committee Report

Trustee Lacey, chair of the Board Development and Succession Committee, reported that fellow Trustees Lazo and Levey, along with Board Chair Brintnall and Dr. Williams, met for their first meeting on October 4. At that meeting, the committee focused on "future proofing" the Board with plans for identifying current and needed trustee skills and gaps, developing a trustee development process, and enhancing

the Board and Chair assessments process. The committee heard background history about the formation of the Nominating Committee and saw a demonstration of the skills matrix that is built into our new portal, OnBoard. Finally, the committee had a discussion about officer terms and looked at the trends in community colleges across the state of Maryland.

C. Chair's Report

Board Chair Brintnall began his report sharing that the Board met with members of the College Council earlier that evening, as the first in a series of "Conversations with Constituents" meetings. Members of the Board engaged with College Council members to discuss the purpose and framework of the College's participatory governance system and the College's Councils goals, which were created in alignment with the Montgomery College Strategic Plan.

Transitioning to current events, Board Chair Brintnall reported that the 2023 ACCT Leadership Congress was held on October 9 through 13. Trustees Cody, Lazo, and Levey attended and co-presented a session titled: Engaging the Community During a Presidential Transition. Each attending Trustee shared with the Board their experiences and insight gained from the event.

In addition, Board Chair Brintnall reported that he met with the chairs of the Montgomery College Alumni Association, the Montgomery College Foundation, the PIC MC Foundation Board, as well as the Board of Trustees Nominating Committee on October 6. The purpose of the event was to get acquainted and discuss common experiences and shared ideas of working together.

Board Chair Brintnall congratulated Trustee Morales for being named to the 2023 Top 10 Under 40 list of Maryland criminal defense attorneys by the National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys. In addition, he recognized both Trustees Aparicio Blackwell and Morales for serving as panelists for the 2nd Annual Latina Legacy Conference, which took place on October 14.

Board Chair Brintnall concluded his report by acknowledging Dr. Williams' comments on the Hamas terrorist attack against Israelis. He encouraged the Board to stand for and advance the College values that guide the strategic plan, and by providing safe, welcoming, and enriched learning spaces for students.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

BR#24-10-010	September 18, 2023 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes
BR#24-10-011	September 18, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes
	Personnel Actions Confirmation Report
	Recognition of Retirees

Trustee Lacey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Levey seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. RECOGNITION

BR#24-10-011	Naming of the Anthony D'Souza Reading Lounge, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Library
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Trustee Chapman made a motion to approve the recognition item. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. AWARD OF CONTRACT (COMPETITIVE)

BR#24-10-012 Award of Contract, Corporate Central Dispatch Mechanical and Electrical Infrastructure Systems, Central Services Building, Bid 624-001

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the competitive award of contract. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. BUDGET MATTER

The Proposed FY25 Biennial Capital Budget Request and Facilities Master Plan Update

Mr. Sherwin Collette, senior vice president for administrative and fiscal services, presented the board with an update on status of the Facilities Master Plan process.

Ms. Kristina Schramm, director of capital planning, design, and engineering, presented the proposed the FY25-30 Capital Improvements Plan priorities, as well as the FY25 Capital Budget priorities and process.

The FY25 Capital Budget request will be considered for action at the Board's meeting in November 2023.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Lacey recognized and offered congratulations to Trustee Morales, for being named to the 2023 Top 10 Under 40 list of Maryland criminal defense attorneys, and to Board Chair Brintnall, who was awarded the Walter Beach Award from the National Capital Area Political Science Association.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Signature on file

Dr. Michael A. Brintnall
Chair, Board of Trustees

Signature on file

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

Recorder: Lily Lee
Approved on: November 13, 2023