



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Silver Spring, Maryland
East County Education Center, 2221 Broadbirch Drive, Room 117
February 17, 2025

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

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell called a brief public meeting to order at 6:07 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. Brinrnall
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman
 Trustee Marvin Dickerson
 Trustee David A. Hill
 Trustee Robert F. Levey
 Trustee Maricé I. Morales
 Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa

Trustee Absent: Trustee Omar A. 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:

- consult with staff about pending litigation—subsection 8,
- consider matters related to collective bargaining negotiations—subsection 9; and
- conduct two administrative functions.

Trustee Morales made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Hill 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 8	discuss pending litigation with staff	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.

3-305(b) Subsection 9	discuss strategies, position, and parameters related to collective bargaining negotiations	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.
3-301 Administrative Functions	discuss administrative functions related to spring retreat planning and recent federal actions	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 7:09 p.m. on February 17, 2025 in room 117 of the East County Education Center, located at 2221 Broadbirch Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, to conduct the public session of its February 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 Michael A. Brinrnall
 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 Omar Lazo, Second Vice Chair

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. CONVERSATION WITH CONSTITUENTS

The Board engaged with East County Education Center Constituents – Dr. Kathleen Snyder, nursing faculty member; Ms. Jennifer Knowlton, nursing laboratory coordinator; and Mr. Jeryl Ryan, nursing student. Dr. Snyder, Ms. Knowlton, and Mr. Ryan discussed Montgomery College’s nursing program and the benefits of experiential learning through labs such as the ones at ECEC.

5. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Williams began his report with a welcome to the ECEC and noted that while February is a short month, it is brimming with opportunities. He recognized several students who were nominated and won awards at the American College Theater Festival in Pittsburgh. Among the 13 nominations and awardees were Hedy Valentine, Sara Quintanilla and 24-Hour Play Group, and Kat Eisenberg and team. Dr. Williams also

recognized Adam Reid, director of public safety, who was named a finalist for Campus Safety Director of the Year.

In recognition of Black History Month, Dr. Williams highlighted the Montgomery College Library for their curation of a dynamic mix of videos, music, and historical insights that invite every community member to connect with Black history in fresh, engaging ways.

Dr. Williams reported that the College recently launched its inaugural Spanish-language podcast, "Eleva Tu Futuro." This podcast highlights Latino leaders and their experiences at MC. He also recognized Gustavo Minaya, financial aid outreach counselor, who discussed policy shifts affecting Latino students on Telemundo 44.

Turning his attention to other news, Dr. Williams highlighted Montgomery College's annual report from Lightcast, which quantifies the College's impact on the local economy. The report states that for every dollar spent on education, our students realize \$4.70 in lifetime earnings, \$1.20 is added to tax revenue, and \$7.40 is gained in community benefits. In FY23 alone, MC contributed \$1.4 billion to the Montgomery County economy.

Dr. Williams closed his report by uplifting the work of the Mobile Markets Initiative. The College, in partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank, continues to provide food assistance through Mobile Markets events, which are held three times a month with no proof of eligibility required, ensuring accessibility. Dr. Williams expressed his deep appreciation to all who work at these events to support our neighbors as well as our fellow MC community members.

B. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

i. Student Success and Economic Impact Committee

Trustee Morales, chair of the Student Success and Economic Impact Committee, reported that a meeting was held on January 14. At that meeting, the committee heard an update on the strategic plan goals that are being led by faculty and staff in Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. The committee also heard updates from Dr. Cabellon and Dr. Price on specific areas of implementation including scheduling, credit for prior learning, and a status of the Student Enrollment Management Plan. A second presentation to the committee addressed the collaborations between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs already in progress with a focus on further development of the ECEC.

ii. Montgomery College Alumni Association Liaison's Report

Trustee Namugerwa, liaison to the Montgomery College Alumni Association, reported that a virtual meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Governors was held on January 23. At that meeting, Alumni Board President Dawn Potosky welcomed Bernadette Maldonado, the new vice president of development and alumni relations and executive director of the Montgomery College Foundation. The Alumni Board received reports from Amy Tutt, government relations operations director, on alumni advocacy; Lori Thomas, events committee chair, on fundraising initiatives; Steve Robinson, alumni director, on digitization of the College's Academic Works website; and Ezra Pine, alumni specialist, with updates on alumni communications.

iii. Community Engagement and Access Committee Report

Trustee Brissett Chapman, chair of the Community Engagement and Access Committee, reported that a meeting was held on January 28. At that meeting, the committee heard reports from Dr. John Hamman about Black male enrollment and degree completion and from Dr. Ed Cabellon about strategies for increasing the engagement of our Black and Brown male students at MC. The committee also focused on a discussion about the results of the Trustee Community Engagement Survey. The committee will be assessing these the results and identifying themes and recommendations for the Board to consider.

C. FY25 SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Senior Vice President Sherwin Collette and Chief Business/Financial Strategy Officer Liz Greaney delivered a summary report of revenues and expenditures for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2025, which ended on December 31, 2024.

D. PROGRESS TOWARD STRATEGIC PLAN INTENDED OUTCOMES REPORT

Director of Planning and Policy Dr. Debbie Van Camp provided a mid-year status report of Strategic Plan intended outcomes, supporting strategies, and indicators.

E. CHAIR'S REPORT

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell began her report with an acknowledgement of President's Day. She went on to echo Dr. Williams' comments highlighting the work of the Montgomery College Library in observing February as Black History Month.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported that on January 27, several board members attended the Maryland Association of Community Colleges Trustee Leadership Conference and Legislative Reception at the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis. This event provided a platform for trustees from Maryland's 16 community colleges to come together, discuss legislative priorities, and meet with state legislators.

Continuing with advocacy news, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell reported that on February 6, she provided testimony to the Montgomery County Council regarding the College's Capital Budget. She also reported that she, along with other trustees, attended the Association of Community College Trustees National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. on February 9 through 12.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell concluded her report with gratitude to her trustee colleagues, faculty, staff, and students for their advocacy of the College and ensuring its continued success.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

BR#25-02-035
BR#25-02-036

January 22, 2025 Conference Session Minutes
January 22, 2025 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes
January 22, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes
Personnel Actions Confirmation Report
Recognition of Retirees

BR#25-02-037
BR#25-02-038

Award of Bronze Medallion to Dr. Dawn Avery
Award of Bronze Medallion to Dr. Mary Owens

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. BENEFITS MATTER

BR#25-02-039

Termination of Montgomery Community College Retirement Plan and Discontinuation of the AETNA Group Annuity Contract

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the benefits matter. Trustee Brintnall seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. BOARD MATTER

Proposed FY26 Schedule of 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 3.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Levey reminded trustees to please submit names of potential trustees by Tuesday, February 18.

10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

There were no trustee comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 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: March 17, 2025