



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Germantown, Maryland
Bioscience Education Center, 20200 Observation Drive, Room 151
In-person or via Zoom Webinar • Webinar ID: 962 4692 7050
November 13, 2023

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

Board Chair Brintnall called a brief public meeting to order at 5:38 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:

- discuss one personnel and privacy matter – subsections 1 and 2; and
- consider matters related to collective bargaining negotiations with AAUP, AFSCME, and SEIU – subsection 9.

Trustee Morales made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell 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) Subsections 1 and 2	To consider employment history in	Trustees; president; chief of staff/chief strategy officer;	Information only. No action taken.

	relation to a nomination of medallion	general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	
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 6:28 p.m. on November 13, 2023, in room 151 of the Bioscience Education Center at the Germantown Campus, 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 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

In recognition of Veterans' Day, Dr. Williams began his report by acknowledging the military service of our students, faculty, staff and board chair Brintnall. He expressed pride that the College's Combat2College program works tirelessly to support MC students and create a community in which service members and veterans can thrive.

Dr. Williams acknowledged Native American Heritage Month, as a time to reflect on the history, culture, and resilience of Native American communities. He reported that the occupied land known as Montgomery County, which contains Montgomery College campuses and centers, is a territory indigenous to the Piscataway Conoy Indians. Montgomery College's Land acknowledgment seeks respect and honor the Indigenous Peoples of the land on which we work and live. Such an acknowledgment is a way of resisting the erasure of Indigenous histories, working towards honoring and inviting the truth, and acknowledging the traditional stewards of the land we occupy.

Drawing attention to how many of MC's students are actively engaged in representing the College outside of the classroom, Dr. Williams reported that students recently assisted with a tour of the Rockville Campus that brought 100 fourth graders for their first college experiences. Another five MC students represented the College at a recent White House event welcoming Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. In addition, an MC graduate spoke recently to the Montgomery County Board of Elections, encouraging the Board to place ballot boxes on each of our three campuses for the 2024 presidential primary and general elections.

Dr. Williams called out the work of faculty and staff who led our Humanities Week in October, reporting that the focus this year was artificial intelligence and its interaction with humans. The theme was "A.I.: Celebrating Authentic Intelligence, Voices, and the Human Experience." He expressed his gratitude to the members of the Humanities Days Committee for their tireless event planning and successful implementation.

Concluding his report, Dr. Williams stated that the College's Citizenship Preparation Program has been awarded another two-year, \$450,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to support free English language classes, citizenship instruction, and naturalization legal services for immigrants. The funding will support 500 students in language instruction and screening for naturalization eligibility. In addition, 240 participants are anticipated to have their naturalization paperwork prepared and submitted by the grant's sub-awardee, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Dr. Williams expressed his pride that the College serves the community in this powerful way and that our work continues to be acknowledged by the federal government.

B. Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Financial Summary Report

Mr. Sherwin Collette, senior vice president for administrative and fiscal services, and Ms. Liz Greaney, chief business/financial strategy officer provided a summary report of income and expenditures of the first quarter of the current fiscal year (FY24).

C. Committee and Liaison Reports

Board Chair Brintnall temporarily exited the meeting to provide advocacy testimony to the Montgomery County Delegation. First Vice Chair Lacey presided over the remainder of the meeting.

i. Student Success and Economic Impact Committee Report

Trustee Morales, chair of the Student Success and Economic Impact Committee, reported that their first meeting was held on October 19. The Committee meeting reviewed its four focus areas for the year and received several presentations and updates, including Workforce Grants and the ignITe hub; an overview of Planning for FY23-24 with Noncredit to Credit Pathways for Students, Academic Program Review, and Credit for Prior Learning; and Experiential Learning/Talent Pipeline for Under-engaged Students in STEM. Trustee Morales thanked her committee members and Dr. Fechter and her staff for presenting such thorough information to the Student Success and Economic Impact Committee.

ii. PIC MC Liaison's Report

No PIC MC liaison report was delivered but the board looks forwarding to hearing one in February.

D. Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was deferred to later in the meeting.

E. Conversation with Constituents

First Vice Chair Lacey thanked the Germantown Campus leadership for hosting the November board meeting and welcomed three members of the Germantown Campus community — Ms. Maria Cardenas, an MC alumna currently working in the biotechnology field, Dr. Collins Jones, professor of biotechnology, and Mr. Mark Nardone, program manager of Bio-Trac. The speakers shared news of their work and highlighted the biotechnology curriculum and pathways to employment for students.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

	October 16, 2023 Conversation with Constituents Meeting Minutes
	October 16, 2023 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes
	October 16, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes
BR#24-11-014	Personnel Actions Confirmation Report
BR#24-11-015	National and State of Maryland Designated Awareness Days and Months for 2024
BR#24-11-016	Modification of Policy 11005–Formulation and Issuance of College Policies and Procedures

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. ACADEMIC MATTERS

BR#24-11-017	Addition of a Fully Online Delivery Option of the Cloud Computing and Networking Technology Associate of Applied Science
BR#24-11-018	Addition of a Fully Online Delivery Option for the Data Science Certificate
BR#24-11-019	Addition of a Fully Online Delivery Option for the General Graphic Design Area of Concentration, Graphic Design Associate of Applied Science

Trustee Morales made a motion to approve the three academic matters. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING

Mr. Sherwin Collette, senior vice president for administrative and fiscal services was joined by Mr. Mark Glaros, vice president of CannonDesign, Mr. Marvin Mills, vice president of

facilities services, and Ms. Kristina Schramm, director of capital planning, design, and engineering.

Mr. Collette presented an update on the next iteration of the College's Facilities Master Plan and engaged the board to solicit trustees' input in the process.

8. BUDGET MATTER
BR#24-11-020 The Proposed FY25 Capital Budget

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the board.

10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Docca posed a question about information that is posted in the Board's Reading Agenda. In particular, she expressed concern about statistics found in the American Association of Community College's Fast Facts document. Specifically, the reduced male demographic representation in community college enrollment was concerning; and she urged the board to think about this in context of reduced Pell Grants and expansion to the East County.

Second Vice Chair Aparicio Blackwell requested more information about the book provided to trustees — "We Want to Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom" by Dr. Bettina Love.

Dr. Brissett Chapman mentioned her pride that Bethesda Magazine ranked Montgomery College as a primary destination for MCPS graduates.

First Vice Chair Lacey noted that she and Trustee Cody attended a scholarship fundraising event sponsored by the Silver Spring Chapter of The Links, Inc. A featured speaker at the event was a former MC student and several other MC students attended.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Board Chair Brintnall returned and delivered his report, expressing his appreciation to the Germantown Campus leadership for welcoming the board.

Chair Brintnall reiterated Dr. Williams' acknowledgement and recognition of Native American Heritage Month; and he stressed that it is a very important time to reflect.

Turning his attention to recent events, Chair Brintnall announced that he and other trustees attended the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner earlier in the month. He also attended the Maryland Association of Community Colleges' Board of Directors meeting with Dr. Williams.

Chair Brintnall concluded his report with an acknowledgement of Veterans' Day and the

support MC provides to veterans on campus. Chair Brintnall observed that Montgomery College opened in 1946 as a direct extension of the community college mission to help meet the needs of veterans returning from World War II.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Levey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 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: December 11, 2023