



BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland
Central Services Building, 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Board Room
March 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 6:01 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 Omar A. Lazo, Second Vice Chair
 Trustee Michael A. Brintnall
 Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman (joined online)
 Trustee Marvin Dickerson
 Trustee David A. Hill
 Trustee Robert F. Levey
 Trustee Maricé I. Morales (joined online)
 Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa

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:

- consider matters related to collective bargaining negotiations—subsection 9; and
- conduct three administrative functions.

Trustee Hill made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Brintnall 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 related to collective bargaining negotiations with the College's three bargaining units—AAUP, AFSCME, and SEIU	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.

3-301 Administrative Functions	discuss three administrative functions related to the board self-assessment and chair's assessment; the Board Officers Nominating Committee; and trustee recruitment	Trustees; president; chief of staff; general counsel; senior vice presidents; board staff	Information only. No official action taken.
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1. CONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees re-convened at 6:24 p.m. on March 17, 2025. in the Board Room of the Central Services Building, located at 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 Gloria Aparicio Blackwell, Chair
Trustee Annice Cody, First Vice Chair
Trustee Omar Lazo, Second Vice Chair
Trustee Michael A. Brintnall
Trustee Sheryl Brissett Chapman (joined online)
Trustee Marvin Dickerson
Trustee David Hill
Trustee Robert F. Levey
Trustee Maricé I. Morales (joined online)
Trustee A. Michelle Namugerwa

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. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Williams began his report with news of several events and significant achievements that reflect the College's mission and community spirit. Throughout March, the College celebrated Women's History Month and Irish American Heritage Month with a variety of cultural programs. These events brought together students, faculty, and staff, and were strongly supported by the Library, which curated special collections that highlighted both cultural and academic themes. The Library also continued to be a vital academic resource during the busy midterm season.

Dr. Williams proudly recognized the outstanding accomplishments of three Montgomery College students who received prestigious national honors from Phi Theta Kappa. Taian Chen and Olatomiwa Ogunkoya were named 2025 Hites Transfer Scholars, a distinction awarded to only 22 students nationwide out of nearly 2,800 applicants, and Eman Saqib was named a 2025 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar.

Transitioning to enrollment news, Dr. Williams reported that Montgomery College continues to expand access and opportunity, as reflected in spring enrollment numbers. This semester, 17,823 credit students are enrolled—an 8% increase over last year. The College is also seeing encouraging trends in retention, with 79% of new fall 2024 students returning for the spring term. MC's student population remains richly diverse: 29% Hispanic, 24% Black, 19% White, and 13% Asian, with an average age of 23 and an average course load of 8.8 credits. Noncredit programs also remain robust, with over 6,300 students enrolled this spring, including a strong presence of adult learners, whose average age is 40.

Dr. Williams reported that the College's leadership in STEM education continues to shine through the Biotech Program, which recently hosted the Maryland Science Olympiad at the Germantown Campus for the seventh consecutive year. The event welcomed over 600 students from 25 schools and was supported by 15 of our own STEM Ambassadors, who served as graders and officials—providing a hands-on mentorship experience while promoting STEM careers.

In other news, Dr. Williams reported that last week's transfer fairs were a great success, helping nearly 1,000 students engage directly with representatives from 54 four-year institutions. These events are an essential part of the College's effort to support students in their transfer journey, offering guidance on admissions, scholarships, and navigating the transition to a bachelor's degree.

Dr. Williams concluded his report with news of faculty, who continue to bring innovation into the classroom through the MC-Smithsonian Faculty Fellowship. Ten professors from the 2024 cohort recently presented interdisciplinary projects developed through their work with the Smithsonian Institution. Their creative use of museum resources across subjects like English, math, and sociology has enriched student learning and exemplifies the intellectual rigor and dedication of our teaching community.

B. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

i. PIC MC Foundation Board Liaison's Report

Trustee Brintnall, liaison to the PIC MC Foundation, reported that the PIC MC Foundation board discussed the following topics at their meeting on February 27: hosting the Cyber Challenge #2 on April 5 at Propel Labs in Germantown; Dr. Michelle Campbell and Mr. Tommy Luginbill's presentation at the Innovations Conference, which focused on public-private partnerships or "P3s" at Montgomery College; Hughes Network Systems outreach and internship collaboration; highlights of the latest Bow Tie Chat, which featured the Germantown Innovation Center and its growing impact; and ongoing engagement and partnerships. Trustee Brintnall concluded his report with acknowledgement of the PIC MC Foundation Board's exciting work and initiatives in multiple areas of impact, such as land use planning, student support, and strategic planning.

ii. Board Development and Succession Planning Committee Report

Trustee Levey, chair of the Board Development and Succession Planning Committee, reported that the third and final meeting of this fiscal year was held on March 4. The committee continued its work on future-proofing the Board, with focus on the board's self-assessment, officer elections, and engagement with the MCPS and USG boards. The committee also reviewed a strong pool of trustee prospects

that were compiled from current trustee recommendations. Trustee Levey concluded his report with gratitude to his trustee colleagues and staff.

iii. Montgomery College Foundation Board Liaison's Report

Trustee Lazo, liaison to the Montgomery College Foundation, reported that he attended a meeting on March 6, at which it was announced that the Foundation has raised \$6.9 million for FY25—116.4% of its annual goal—and nearly \$37 million toward its overall \$50 million campaign target. Other news from the Foundation board included discussions on the College's Facilities Master Plan, interviews with prospective new members, strategic plan revisions, and efforts to engage directors in campaign activities. Additionally, the Foundation board welcomed Ms. Bernadette Maldonado as the new vice president for development and alumni relations. Trustee Lazo concluded his report by highlighting two upcoming events: The Annual Scholarship Luncheon on April 11 and the Dogfishing for MC Scholarships Fundraiser on May 6.

iv. Community Engagement and Access Committee Report

Trustee Brissett Chapman, chair of the Community Engagement and Access Committee, reported on its final meeting, which was held on March 10. The committee revisited its FY25 focus areas, which include enhancing community engagement and outreach, defining board advocacy, tracking trustee involvement, and strengthening engagement strategies. The meeting centered on results from the Trustee community engagement survey, which sparked insightful dialogue and will inform future discussions, including at the upcoming retreat. The committee also briefly addressed the evolving higher education landscape and the potential impact of recent federal executive actions on our college community. Trustee Brissett Chapman concluded her report with gratitude to Dr. Williams for his ongoing commitment and support of the board.

v. Student Success and Economic Impact Committee Report

Trustee Namugerwa, co-chair of the Student Success and Economic Impact Committee, reported on its final meeting, held on March 11. At this concluding session, the committee received reports from Drs. Cabellon and Price's team on strategic plan priorities; advising, career development, student journey mapping, and data-informed services; and impactful initiatives such as the expansion of Early College programs, the Worlds of Work event, and library renovations at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus. The committee also heard about collaborations across Student and Academic Affairs that are strengthening support for parenting students and aligning major planning efforts to enhance enrollment and academic experiences. Trustee Namugerwa concluded her report with acknowledgement of the important work of the College in elevating student learning and the overall student experience.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell began her report by acknowledging that Montgomery College students and faculty are currently on Spring Break, and she extended appreciation to Trustee Namugerwa for attending the meeting.

Echoing Dr. Williams' remarks, Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell recognized Women's History Month and Irish American Heritage Month and commended the College Libraries for curating meaningful cultural and academic collections in observance of these occasions.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell noted that all Board committees have concluded their work for FY25 and will present their final reports at the End-of-Year Retreat on May 2. She thanked trustees and the president's liaisons for their time, dedication, and the high-quality materials that supported Board decision-making, reminding trustees that all related documents remain accessible in the Resource Center of OnBoard.

Board Chair Aparicio Blackwell concluded her report with an acknowledgement of Dr. Williams for his continued updates on federal developments and closed with a reflective moment to mark the five-year anniversary of the March 13, 2020, COVID-19 shutdown.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

	February 17, 2025 Conference Session Minutes
	February 17, 2025 Public Vote and Closed Session Minutes
	February 17, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes
BR#25-03-040	Personnel Actions Confirmation Report
BR#25-03-041	Fiscal Year 2026 Schedule of Board Meetings

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. AWARDS OF CONTRACT (COMPETTITVE)

BR#25-03-042	Award of Contract, Geese Management Services, Bid e425-002
BR#25-03-043	Award of Contract, Omnigo Security Dispatch and Incident Reporting Software Subscription, Bid e525-006

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

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. AWARD OF CONTRACT (SOLE SOURCE)

BR#25-03-044	Sole Source Award of Contract, Continuation of Computerized Maintenance Management System Software License
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Trustee Hill made a motion to approve the sole source award of contract. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

BR#25-03-045	Contract Change Order, Award of Contract, Vocational Training and Employment Services, Bid e924-001
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Trustee Dickerson made a motion to approve the contract change order. Trustee Morales

seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MATTER

BR#25-03-046

**Memorandum of Agreement-Collective Bargaining Agreement
Between Montgomery College and the Montgomery College
Chapter of the American Association of University Professors**

Trustee Levey made a motion to approve the collective bargaining matter. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10. POLICY MATTER

BR#25-03-047

Modification of Policy 61003: Bank Services

Trustee Hill made a motion to approve the policy matter. Trustee Morales seconded.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the board.

12. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

There were no trustee comments.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hill 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 7:28 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
Adopted on: April 21, 2025