

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**On April 23, 2021**, a brief public meeting was held was called to order at 4:04 p.m. for the purpose of voting to go into closed session. Trustees present for the public vote were:

Trustees Present: Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell

Trustee Kenneth J. Hoffman Trustee Robert F. Levey Trustee Leslie S. Levine Trustee Marsha Suggs Smith

Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, Second Vice Chair Trustee Michael A. Brintnall, First Vice Chair

Trustee Michael J. Knapp, Chair

Trustees Absent: Trustee Richelle Adu, Student Trustee

Trustee Maricé I. Morales

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

• discuss a personnel matter—subsection 1.

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

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

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

The meeting was closed under the following provision of General Provisions Article 3-305(b):

3-305(b)	Discuss a	To discuss a matter related	No action	
Subsection 1	personnel matter	to the president's	taken.	
		employment contract		
Attendees: only Trustees present				

**On April 29, 2021**, brief public meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. for the purpose of voting to go into closed session. Trustees present for the public vote were:

Trustees Present: Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell

Trustee Kenneth J. Hoffman Trustee Robert F. Levey Trustee Leslie S. Levine

Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, Second Vice Chair Trustee Michael A. Brintnall, First Vice Chair

Trustee Michael J. Knapp, Chair

Trustees Absent: Trustee Richelle Adu, Student Trustee

Trustee Maricé I. Morales Trustee Marsha Suggs Smith

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

discuss a personnel matter—subsection 1.

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

Trustee Lacey made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Aparicio Blackwell seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

The meeting was closed under the following provision of General Provisions Article 3-305(b):

3-305(b) Subsection 1	Discuss a personnel matter	To discuss a matter related to the president's employment contract	No action taken.	
	Attendees: only Trustees present			

**On May 17, 2021**, Board Chair Knapp called a brief public meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. for the purpose of voting to go into closed session. Trustees present for the public vote were:

Trustees Present: Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell

Trustee Kenneth J. Hoffman Trustee Robert F. Levey Trustee Leslie S. Levine Trustee Marsha Suggs Smith

Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, Second Vice Chair Trustee Michael A. Brintnall, First Vice Chair

Trustee Michael J. Knapp, Chair

Trustees Absent: Trustee Richelle Adu, Student Trustee

Trustee Maricé I. Morales

Board Chair Knapp announced that pursuant to the General Provisions Article 3-301 and 3-305(b), the meeting would be closed only to:

- carry out an administrative function related to the Trustee and Board's FY21 Self-Assessment
- discuss ten personnel matters—subsection 1,
- consider acquisition of real property—subsection 3, and
- to comply with requirements preventing public disclosure—subsection 13.

No members of the public had any objections to closing the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Suggs Smith and seconded by Trustee Brintnall, the Board voted by roll call to go into closed session. The motion passed.

The meeting was closed under the following provisions of General Provisions Article 3-301 and 3-305(b):

Administrative Function	Administrative Function	To work on the FY21 Trustee and Board Annual Self-Assessment		
	Attendees: only Trustees present			
3-305(b) Subsection 1	Discuss ten personnel matters	To discuss employment history of medallion nominees and matters related to the president's evaluation	No action taken.	
	Attendees: only Trustees present			
3-305(b) Subsection 3	Consider acquisition of real property	To hear presentation on acquisition of real property for expansion to the east county	No action taken.	
	Resource Persons: Mr. Ed Cave, Ms. Sally Chinnis			
3-305(b) Subsection 13	Comply with requirement prohibiting public disclosure	To hear presentation on investing in College employees	No action taken.	
	Resource Person: Ms. Krista Leitch Walker			

# RECONVENE PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Montgomery College Board of Trustees reconvened on May 17, 2021, by videoconference to conduct the public session of its May meeting. This public session was reconvened and called to order by Board Chair Knapp at 6:53 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Trustee Gloria Aparicio Blackwell (joined at 6:42 p.m.)

Trustee Kenneth J. Hoffman Trustee Robert F. Levey

Trustee Leslie S. Levine (joined at 6:45 p.m.)

Trustee Marsha Suggs Smith

Trustee Frieda K. Lacey, Second Vice Chair Trustee Michael A. Brintnall, First Vice Chair

Trustee Michael J. Knapp, Chair

Trustees Absent: Trustee Richelle Adu, Student Trustee

### Trustee Maricé I. Morales

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. April 16, 2021 Public Vote and Closed Session
- B. April 19, 2021 Closed Session
- C. April 19, 2021 Public Meeting
- D. April 23, 2021 Public Vote and Closed Session
- E. April 29, 2021 Public Vote and Closed Session

Trustee Hoffman made a motion to approve the five sets of minutes. Trustee Brintnall seconded.

The Board voted by roll call and the motion passed.

## 5. REPORTS

#### A. Board of Trustees Scholars

The 2021 Board of Trustees Scholars and second place winners Autumn Ellis, Nathan Engida, Andy Flores, Arcadia Graham, Artashes Sahakyan, McKenna Shay, and Cindy Tran, joined the public meeting as guests of the Board.

The Board congratulated the scholars on their impressive achievements and wished them the best of luck in their post-graduation plans.

## B. President's Report

Dr. Pollard began her report with wonderful news that two Montgomery College students have received the Critical Language Scholarship offered by the US Department of State and student Nicholas Tracy was awarded the very prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.

Transitioning to COVID-19 related news, Dr. Pollard reported that roughly 40,000 COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered at the mass vaccination site on the College's Germantown Campus. She thanked all the people who collaborated in making the vaccination site a reality.

Dr. Pollard also shared news from the Biden administration that all students, regardless of their immigration status, are now eligible for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) under the American Rescue Plan—including DACA recipients, other undocumented students, and international students. She lauded this change as a wonderful, radically inclusive policy shift that will increase access to all students.

Dr. Pollard reminded the Board that Commencement 2021 would be held later in the week, when the College will celebrate our 3,000 graduates at this virtual event. In closing her report, Dr. Pollard gave an introduction of her written report, *President's Focus*, which addresses the many successful adaptations that the College has accomplished this year in response to COVID-19.

# C. Chair's Report

Board Chair Knapp began his report with a recap of the Board's end-of-year retreat, which took place on May 14. The retreat agenda included a presentation by Sharon Bland on the Montgomery College Anti-Racism Journey, as well as presentations and status reports from Board committee chairs.

Board Chair Knapp went on to thank Ms. Denise Matheny for briefing the Board on commencement activities and reminded attendees that the virtual commencement ceremony would take place on Friday, May 21 at 10 a.m. Board Chair Knapp extended a special congratulations to Student Trustee Richelle Adu, who will be graduating with her class on Friday.

Board Chair Knapp reported that the Board has met throughout the month to discuss details of the upcoming presidential search, and was working to finalize its own assessment for this fiscal year.

Board Chair Knapp closed his report with news that elections of Board Officers would be held next month. In preparation, he has appointed Trustee Adu and Trustee Levine to serve on the Board Officer Nominating Committee.

## D. Committee Report

Trustee Lacey reported that the Student Success Committee met on May 12, 2021. At this meeting, the committee reviewed its 2021 goals and heard updates on the Biomanufacturing Bootcamp, as well as the transition of student support programs to an online format. The committee also received an update on Structured Remote Teaching training and College marketing efforts.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

BR#21-05-044 Personnel Actions Confirmation Report

BR#21-05-045 Award of Contract, Collegewide Refuse and Recycling

Containers and Collection Services, Bid e421-005

BR#21-05-046 Award of Contract, IT Infrastructure Products and Services, Bid

e521-017

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

The Board voted by roll call and the motion passed.

#### 7. BUDGET MATTER

BR#21-05-047 Supplemental Appropriation Request for the FY21 Current Fund Budget

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to approve the supplemental appropriation request. Trustee Levine seconded.

The Board voted by roll call and the motion passed.

# 8. REGULATORY MATTER

BR#21-05-048 Montgomery College Report on Single Audit Year Ended June 30, 2020

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to accept the report on single audit. Trustee Suggs Smith seconded.

The Board voted by roll call and the motion passed.

### 9. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

# **10. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Board Chair Knapp congratulated this year's graduating class and offered special recognition of Student Trustee Adu.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Suggs Smith made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Lacey seconded.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Signature on file

Michael J. Knapp Chair, Board of Trustees Signature on file

DeRionne P. Pollard, PhD President and Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Recorder: Lily Lee

Approved on: June 21, 2021