

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES
March 4th, 2023 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
HELD VIRUTALLY
MEETING AGENDA

Board Members

HHS and Council Staff

Name	Title	Present	Name	Title	Present
Brandon Bragg	<i>Chair</i>	x	Oscar Mensah	HHS Staff	x
Michele Levy	<i>Vice Chair</i>	x	Hannah Shaw	HHS Staff	x
Vacant	<i>Secretary</i>		Kristine Cummings	Council Staff	x
Kendell Battle	Member	x	Caroline Davenport	Council Staff	x
Anthony Carter	Member	x	David Engel	Guest	x
Shadrene Howard	Member	x			
Dawn Luedtke	Member	x			
Swapnika Madhavaram	Member	x			
Larniece McKoy Moore	Member	x			
Rishi Nixon	Member	x			
Loveline Tangwan	Member				
Yuma Tomes	Member	x			
Vacant	Member				

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Roll Call (to determine quorum)
 - Quorum established (9 of 11 members present at call to order, 1 additional member joined further into the meeting (during the reports of officers section)
 - Motion to begin from B. Bragg, seconded by R. Nixon moved by Rishi,
 - Meeting began at 4:12pm
- Introduction of Guests
 - Davide Engle – Chair, Commission on Aging, presenting during the new business portion of the meeting (no other guests present)
- Introduction of New Members
 - Anthony Carter
 - Shadrene Howard
 - Larniece McKoy Moore
 - Rishi Nixon
 - Yuma Tomes

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No additional public participation today outside of the invited guest’s presentation in new business

III. READING/REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- February
 - Minutes were approved with no amendments. Motion to approve from B. Bragg, seconded by D. Luedtke

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary (*if warranted*) - none.
- Outreach and Communication Committee (*if warranted*) - none.
- Legislation Committee (*if warranted*) – A review of the state legislative bills that reviewed during the February meeting that have passed the originating chamber.
 - SB98: DHCD – Food Desert Study
 - HB34/SB204: Interstate Social Work Licensing Compact
 - HB240/SB227: Health Insurance – Cancellation of Individual Health Benefit Plan – Restrictions

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

- Elections for Secretary – voting via online form.
 - 3 individuals were nominated (R. Nixon, S. Madhavaram and D. Luedtke)
 - R. Nixon and S. Madhavaram each spoke to why they are interested in the position. D. Luedtke withdrew from the ballot.
 - The virtual anonymous voting link was distributed via email. Voting was open until the end of the meeting.
 - Final election results, total votes = 10, majority selection for R. Nixon. Appointment will begin next meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion with David Engel, Chair of the Commission on Aging (COA)
 - A review on what the COA has and currently is working on in terms of advocacy, outreach, and partnerships. Highlights on advocating at multiple levels for the legal protection of aged individuals hosting education summits for residents and how the COA determines its yearly priorities.
- Adjusting the Current Committee Structure
 - Proposal to adjust the Outreach and Communication Committee to the Outreach Committee as most communication needs are taken care of by board staff (upkeep of the board website, monitoring of the board email and routing of writing advocacy)
 - The virtual anonymous voting link was distributed via email. Voting was open until the end of the meeting.
 - Final voting results, total votes = 10, majority selection in favor of changing the Outreach and Communication Committee to the Outreach Committee
- Review FY24 Priorities
 - Increasing Access to Mental & Behavioral Health
 - Continued Prioritization and Support for Greater Trauma Informed Education
 - Advocacy
- Discuss FY25 Priorities
 - Determining Social Services Needs
 - Determination to invite Child Welfare Services, the Office of Eligibility and Support Services and Aging and Disability Services to the next 3 meetings to present to the board on their operations and to see what needs each service area has that the board may be able to support.

VII. COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION

- Breakout groups for each committee as follows to discuss committee operations and setting goals/tasks.
 - Outreach – B. Bragg, M. Levy, K. Battle, S. Madhavaram, L. McKoy Moore
 - Legislative – D. Luedtke, S. Howard, Y. Tomes, R. Nixon, A. Carter

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – at 5:49 pm, Motion to adjourn by B. Bragg and seconded by R. Nixon.

Next meeting: *Monday, April 1st, 2023; 4:00PM – 6:00PM* (Virtual – Microsoft Teams)