

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES
October 2, 2023 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
HELD VIRUTALLY
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members

HHS and Council Staff

Name	Title	Present	Name	Title	Present
Brandon Bragg	<i>Chair</i>	X	Oscar Mensah	HHS Staff	X
Vacant	<i>Vice Chair</i>		Hannah Shaw	HHS Staff	X
Michelle Levy	<i>Secretary</i>	X	Logan Anbinder	Council Staff	X
Kendell Battle	Member		Caroline Davenport	Council Staff	X
Vacant	Member				
Swapnika Madhavaram	Member	X			
Loveline Tangwan	Member	X			
Vacant	Member				
Dawn Luedtke	Member	X			
Vacant	Member				
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was started by Chair B. Bragg at 4:07 PM with a quorum.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- B. Bragg called for a review and approval of the June 2023 meeting minutes. D. Luedtke moved for the Board to move without objection. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary** – No reports.
- **Outreach and Communications Committee** – No report.
- **Legislation Committee** – No report.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

- There are several vacancies on the Board. An announcement will be made shortly of the Board positions with a link to apply. D. Luedtke expressed concern for the number of vacancies and urged for this to be our biggest priority at this time.
- Nominations for the vacant Vice Chair position are requested. H. Shaw sent an electronic form for nomination (self or another Board member) for the vacancy.
- Setting priorities and goals for FY 24 – Priorities need to be considered and finalized in October/November. H. Shaw will send previous year’s priorities sheet for Board members’ review. **ACTION:** Board members should review priorities and share thoughts for this year’s priorities.

V. NEW BUSINESS –

- Brief discussion on recommended changes to priorities. M. Levy shared about interest in mental health viewpoint.
- M. Levy shared that she is a member of Leadership Montgomery CORE program Class of 2024. At least two community engagement projects may want to engage with the BSS as they develop

their projects. She cited that that this may be a good way to collaboration on prioritized issues. O. Mensah and B. Bragg thanked for sharing that news.

- O. Mensah shared about the upcoming conference at Montgomery College that Montgomery County is hosting. Conference will be held on Oct 12-13. This event is available for all Board members. He asked members to let H. Shaw know by Friday about interest in attending and/or volunteering.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- B. Bragg made motion to adjourn, seconded by D. Luedtke. Chair B. Bragg adjourned the meeting at 4:27 PM.

Next Meeting: *Monday, November 6th, 2023 – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM* (Virtual – Microsoft Teams)

Submitted by:

Michele Levy, Secretary

October 20, 2023