

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES
May 2, 2022 | 4:00 PM
HELD VIRUTALLY
MEETING AGENDA

Board Members

HHS and Council Staff

Name	Title	Present	Name	Title	Present
Marquette Rogers	Chair	x	Oscar Mensah	HHS Staff	
Samaura Stone	Vice Chair	x	Vacant	Council Staff	
Marcy Frosh	Secretary	x	Richon Nembhard	HHS Staff	
Kendell Battle	Member	x	Hannah Shaw	HHS Staff	x
Derek Flake	Member	x			
Brandon Bragg	Member				
Chanté Leverette	Member	x			
Swapnika Madhavaram	Member				
Geethani Liyanage	Member				
Vacant	Member				
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Councilmember	Member				

I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEEETING MINUTES

- A motion was made to accept the April 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes by Kendell Battle and seconded by Derek Flake.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- The Chair discussed the April Boards, Commissions and Committee Chair Meeting with DHHS Director Raymond Crowel, which was a Roundtable on priorities of participants. The Chair noted that recruiting foster families was discussed and this offered a connection with potential foster care initiatives of interest to the BSS.

Action item #1: Samaura Stone is willing to follow up with new incoming leadership on the Citizen Review Panel for Children, so the BSS can continue to build on the shared interests and partnership of the two groups to work on support for transitioning foster youth. Marcy Frosh will fill in Samaura about all communication to date with outgoing Panel Chair Marci McCoy-Roth and Lisa Merkin, Child Protective Services Administrator.

Action item #2: The Chair identified the Commission on People with Disabilities for action in potential partnership. Based on the April 11 BSS Meeting, Brandon Bragg was listed for outreach. The Chair asked Hannah Shaw to take steps to identify the name and contact information for the Commission’s Chair for follow up by Brandon Bragg.

Action item #3: The Chair identified the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board (“MCAB”) for potential partnership. Kendall Battle will undertake outreach with MCAB Chair Wayne Swann, and Hannah Shaw was asked to find contact information for him.

The Chair noted that Jessica Kronstadt of the Montgomery County Commission on Health has conveyed to other boards their Commission's interest in supporting data gathering to ensure that data is helpful to the community.

The Chair noted the April 11, 2022 end of the Maryland Legislative Session and the availability of a Summary of bills that DHHS has tracked. These are bills that were vetoed, enacted without the Governor's signature, or approved.

Action item #4: The Chair will send out an updated list of BSS Committees along with the Summary of DHHS tracked bills for review by the Committees.

- Committee updates. None available, but as noted, the Chair will send a list of BSS Committees to all members.
- Vacancy Update. There are two vacant Board seats, and openings were posted on Friday, April 29 through May 20. All three Board Members with expiring terms are eligible to continue on the Board.

IV. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

- See under New Business Topics

V. NEXT MEETING

Date: June 6, 2022

Location: Virtual

Time: 4 pm

VI. ADJOURNED

- Marquette Rogers, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Kendall Battle and seconded by Chante Leverette.

Submitted by:

Marcy Frosh, Secretary

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