

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES
March 7th, 2022 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
HELD VIRUTALLY
MEETING MINUTES

Board Members

HHS and Council Staff

Name	Title	Present	Name	Title	Present
Marquette Rogers	Chair	x	Oscar Mensah	HHS Staff	x
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	x			
Chanté Leverette	Member	x			
Swapnika Madhavaram	Member				
Geethani Liyanage	Member	x			
Vacant	Member				
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Councilmember	Member				

Chair Marquette Rogers “Chair” called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

Minutes for the February 7 Board Meeting were not available for a vote, because of the previous vacancy in the position.

Results of Elections for Vice Chair and Secretary were announced (the position of Treasurer is still outstanding). Seven (7) Board members voted, with votes as follows:

- Six (6) votes for Samura Stone for Vice Chair
- Six (6) votes for Marcy Frosh for Secretary

The Chair welcomed new Board Member Brandon Bragg, who introduced himself as someone experienced in nonprofit sector who joined the BSS to serve in the area and neighborhood in which he lives.

The Chair asked for an explanation of the Board recruitment process, which was detailed by Oscar Mensah.

Action Item #1: Board member recruitment and onboarding of new members will continue.

The Chair serves as Secretary of the Association of Social Services Board, with Oscar Mensah as the liaison, and explained the work of the Association.

Action Item #2: The Chair asked the BSS to share information on innovative programs for the Association's October 2022 program. Board members can attend with registration and transportation paid. Derek Flake offered an example of a program "Dads R Us."

Following up on a presentation to the Board by Lisa Merkin, head of Child Protective Services, the Chair asked Marcy Frosh if there is progress on identifying opportunities to partner with the Citizens Review Panel for Children. Marcy has been in touch with Chair Marci McCoy (referred by Lisa Merkin), but a detailed discussion with her about options was postponed.

Action Item #3: Marcy will continue to try to set up a conversation with Marci McCoy of the Citizens Review Panel for Children.

Dira Treadvace, Montgomery County's new head of Children, Youth & Family Services since mid-January was introduced and welcomed.

The Chair introduced the topic of trauma-informed education – particularly in light of COVID. He asked how staffing has changed and Oscar explained classes for staff and community-based support through programs such as Linkages to Learning. Kendall Battle asked about school Wellness Centers and whether FQHC's are connecting with schools. Dira Treadvace will follow up on the question of FQHC's.

Action Item #4: The Chair urged Board Members to bring ideas for trauma-informed education to the Board.

The Chair called for a Motion to Adjourn.

Kendall Battle called for the Motion.
Chante Leverette seconded the Motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Submitted by:

Marcy Frosh
Secretary