

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**June 5, 2023 | 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		Oscar Mensah	HHS Staff	X
Marcy Frosh	Secretary	X	Hannah Shaw	HHS Staff	X
Kendell Battle	Member	X	Logan Anbinder	Council Staff	X
Chanté Leverette	Member	X	Cait Gardiner	Council Staff	
Brandon Bragg	Member	X			
Swapnika Madhavaram	Member				
Loveline Tangwan	Member	X			
Michele Levy	Member				
Dawn Luedtke	Council Member	X			

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was started by Vice-Chair B. Bragg at 4:07 PM without a quorum present in order to start a presentation from Leslie Frey, Intergovernmental Relations Legislative Analyst - DHHS

**II. PRESENTATION - Leslie Frey offered key points on the BSS and on the State legislative process, including:**

- Background that the BSS has both a State and County mandate (Code Sec. 37-8)
- BSS does not need approval from the Office of Intergovernmental Relations (Melanie Wanger) to advocate on legislation; however, it is requested that the Office be kept informed of BSS advocacy efforts -- principally to ensure that Board advocacy is not in conflict with the County’s position.
- There is a specific “Advocacy Request Form” to communicate with the Office of Intergovernmental Relations
- The State Legislature meets January to early April in a 90-day session. Highlights of the legislative process include:
  - Tracking starts with the “Introduced Bill List;”
  - bills are assigned to a Standing Committee;
  - testimony (in person or written) is heard at the time of the Bill Hearing, noting a specific deadline to request (addressed to the Committee Chair) to testify;
  - reading a bill involves attention to where it is happening in the law, existing law on the subject, when it is effective or unsettled, and funding (if any);
  - in original bills, anything CAPITALIZED is new and anything [bracketed] means it has been removed;
  - for amendments, anything underlined is added and anything with a ~~strike through~~ means it has been deleted;
  - check for cross-filed bills for differing amendments (and watch for cross-filing change in status);
  - in 2023, for the first time, the Legislature can reallocate funding up to the limit of the Governor’s proposed budget;

- “Fiscal & Policy Notes” are available later in the process for each bill, the operating budget, capital budget, and any supplemental budget; and
- bill information can be accessed through a “MY MGA ACCOUNT” (use a pushpin icon to follow a specific bill(s) (Note: Go through BSS’s Hannah Shaw to sign up)

### III. READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Members joined in during the presentation to make a quorum (at 4:48 PM), and a motion was introduced by M. Frosh to accept the May 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by D. Luedtke. No objections were made.

### IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

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

### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

- Board Position Elections for Chair and Secretary – **H. Shaw started the electronic voting option for Board Members**
- Determine Objectives around supporting legislative items – Discussion focused on K. Battle’s concern that “who” becomes as important a focus as “what” in designing objectives
- Setting priorities and goals for FY 24’ – The Board agreed to B. Bragg’s suggestion to table concrete objectives so that there can be consideration over the Board break (June-October)

### VI. NEW BUSINESS –

- B. Bragg attended a Commission on Aging meeting and described efforts to make communities in Montgomery County “age friendly.” He sees potential to work with the Commission on Aging as part of FY’24 outreach efforts
- Website Update – H. Shaw reported that the website is still a work in progress
- Final Election Results:
  - New Chair is Brandon Bragg
  - New Secretary is Michele Levy

### VII. ADJOURNMENT

- K. Battle made motion to adjourn, seconded by D. Luedtke. Vice-Chair B. Bragg adjourned the meeting at 5:08 PM.

**Next Meeting:** *Monday, October 2nd, 2023 – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM* (Virtual – Microsoft Teams)

Submitted by:

Marcy Frosh, Secretary

June 5, 2023