

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**March 6, 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	X	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		Cait Gardiner	Council Staff	X
Brandon Bragg	Member	X			
Swapnika Madhavaram	Member	X			
Loveline Tangwan	Member	X			
Michele Levy	Member	X			
Dawn Luedtke	Council Member	X			

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by **Vice Chair** B. Bragg at 4:05 PM, with a quorum present.

**II. READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- A motion to accept the February 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes was made by Council Member D. Luedtke and seconded by K. Battle. The vote to accept the Minutes was unanimous.

**III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

- **Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary** – No report, but the Vice Chair asked M. Levy about her interest in the potential for a scorecard approach and data integration with internal or external partners along the lines of work done in East County with Clear Impact. Information was provided that Mobile Medical Care contributed data.
- **Outreach and Communications Committee** – No report other than that Board and Commission outreach will continue.
- **Legislation Committee** – Vice Chair raised legislation identified at the February 6 meeting. Council Member D. Luedtke noted that the window closed at 3 PM today for submitted testimony for Del. Jaren Solomon’s bill. The Council Member asked for clarification on procedure with respect to legislation and Staff explained that this year’s process has been different from previous years. There was further clarification, including the timing issue; *i.e.*, that, at this point, only amendments can be commented upon by the Board.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

- General Orders:
  - New members L. Tangwan and M. Levy were asked about Committee assignments, with both members expressing interest in the Legislative Committee. They asked questions about the Committee’s role, with clarification by the Chair. Council member D. Luedtke asked if it is possible to set a timeline for the Legislative

Committee for consideration of bills, starting, for example, with bills that are pre-filed. The Chair and Staff support preplanning review of bills.

## V. NEW BUSINESS –

- **Staff discussed informational updates:**
  - O. Mensah discussed the ending of full SNAP benefit allocation as per the National and Public Health Emergency. The impact is likely to affect 28,000 or more clients and outreach is planned with community groups to determine how they can best support those affected.
  - O. Mensah explained that Maryland is the first state to be approved by USDA for fund for reimbursements for SNAP fraud and the process by which clients can submit a claim, which does not require a police report. The Board discussed the potential for security upgrades to prevent future fraud.
  - H. Shaw noted that medical coverage offered during the active pandemic period may be lost starting in May without recertification.
  - H. Shaw noted County Bill 8-23, Supplemental Requirements related to the Open Meetings Act. Council Member D. Luedtke stated that she is the bill’s sponsor and she provided more specifics, including information that if Board meetings are recorded, no minutes are required. Board members expressed interest in shifting to recording rather than minutes. She also informed the Board that she spoke with Ken Hartman of the Office of the County Executive about a website for the BSS, having made the suggestion to break out information to streamline and reduce time spent on Public Information Act requests. A question followed as to whether By-Law changes are needed for recording and other aspects of current meeting practices.
- **Discussion (all members, led by Chair) of Action Items:**
  - Review the BSS By-Laws on meeting protocol and other potential updates. Council Member D. Luedtke offered to undertake the initial By-Laws review.
  - Establish a timeline for consideration of bills built on a natural timeframe of the state and county legislative processes.
  - Confirm Committee choices for L. Tangwan and M. Levy.
  - Determine if a presentation for the Board on a scoreboard approach to integrating data is possible; e.g., with Mobile Medical Care.
- Chair announced that MASBB will host an October conference with Montgomery County Community College, with the hope of providing credits to participants. Council Member D. Luedtke noted the importance of having speakers lined up to ensure crediting.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:34 PM. The motion to adjourn was made by K. Battle and seconded by Council Member D. Luedtke.

**Next Meeting:** *Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 – 4:00 – 6:00 PM (Virtual – Microsoft Teams*

Submitted by:

Marcy Frosh, Secretary

March 6, 2023