

APPROVED JUNE 24, 2025

Montgomery County Community Action Board
Community Advocacy Institute Graduation
May 20, 2025
White Oak Community Recreation Center

MINUTES

CAB Members in Attendance: Beverly Coleman, Lisa Conlon, Erika Conner, Denise Fredericks, Jeffery Johnson, Will Kenlaw, Pamela Luckett, Claudia Simmons, Timothy Robinson, DaVida Rowley, and Helen Winder

CAB Members Absent: Rachel Bonas, Summer Cook, Luz Cuenca, Evelyn Okutu, Mike Subin, and Kemmesha Thomas

CAA Staff: Shantá Johnson, Aizat Oladapo, Ximena Ruiz, Andrea Morales, and Leah Goldfine

CAI Ambassadors and Volunteers in attendance: Mayra Alvarado, Ingrid Argueta, Josephine Benjamin, Mary Bennett, Valerie Chatfield-Smith, Jeneba Daramy, Datriana Davis, Samira Hussein, Agnes Leshner, Daisy Okudo, Sharon Strauss, and Zelda Wafer

The CAI graduation took the place of the May CAB meeting. The event celebrated the 27 graduates of the FY25 CAI. The graduation, which Dr. Jeffery Johnson led, included remarks from Claudia Simmons, Councilmember Gabe Albornoz; Joanna Bernhardt from Councilmember Laurie-Anne Sayles's office, CAA Executive Director Shantá Johnson, and DHHS Director Dr. James Bridgers. The ceremony also included a special presentation for Dr. Johnson, who has served as the CAB Chair for three years. Additional information may be found in a press release in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).