

APPROVED JUNE 25, 2024

Montgomery County Community Action Board
Community Advocacy Institute Graduation
May 21, 2024
Silver Spring Civic Building

MINUTES

CAB Members in Attendance: Rachel Bonas, Lisa Conlon, Erika Conner, Denise Fredericks, Jeffery Johnson, Claudia Simmons, DaVida Rowley-Blackman, and Helen Winder

CAB Members Absent: Elaine Carballo, Summer Cook, Luz Cuenca, Will Kenlaw, Pam Lockett, Evelyn Okutu, Timothy Robinson, and Mike Subin

CAA Staff: Shantá Johnson, Aizat Oladapo, and Leah Goldfine

CAI Ambassadors and Volunteers in attendance: Mary Bennett, Valerie Chatfield-Smith, Terence Hill, Samira Hussein, Agnes Leshner, Mabel Lozano, Sherlene Lucas, Myriam Paul, Zelda Wafer-Jones

The CAI graduation took the place of the May CAB meeting. The event celebrated the 14 graduates of the FY24 CAI. County Executive Marc Elrich was on hand to honor the graduates. The graduation, which Dr. Jeffery Johnson led, also included remarks from Claudia Simmons, Councilmember Dawn Luedtke; State Delegate Greg Wims, Shantá, and Betty Lam, Chief of DHHS Office of Community Affairs. Graduates had the opportunity to read their personal statements, which may be found in the [graduation program](#).