

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD of SOCIAL SERVICES
May 5, 2025 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
HELD VIRTUALLY (MICROSOFT TEAMS)
MEETING AGENDA

Board Members

HHS and Council Staff

Name	Title	Present	Name	Title	Present
Yuma Tomes	<i>Chair</i>	x	Oscar Mensah	HHS Staff	x
Anthony Carter	<i>Vice Chair</i>		Hannah Shaw	HHS Staff	x
Larniece McKoy Moore	<i>Secretary</i>	x	Kristine Cummings	Council Staff	
Jewel Butler	Member	x	Caroline Davenport	Council Staff	x
Shadrene Howard	Member	x			
Michele Levy	Member				
Dawn Luedtke	Member				
VACANT	Member				
Frances Marshall	Member	x			
Zackary Richards	Member	x			
Maria Schwermer	Member	x			
Loveline Tangwan	Member				
Isabella Wise	Member	x			

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Roll Call (to determine quorum) meeting called to order at 4:05 pm
- Introduction of Guests (if warranted) – N/A

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*if warranted*) – N/A

III. READING/REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- April
 - Motion to approve by M. Schwermer, seconded by I. Wise
 - Approved, no edits

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary (*if warranted*)
 - Chair – reached out to R. Sledge who presented at the March MASSB conference to see if she is available to attend a future meeting to discuss legislation/the legislative process as it relates to Boards of Social Services. Reminds the board that the next MASSB conference will be 10/16-10/17 in Howard County.
- Outreach Committee (*if warranted*) – N/A
- Legislation Committee (*if warranted*) – N/A

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Vacancy update
 - The board now has one vacancy effective immediately due to a member's resignation. A request has been sent for the vacancy to be posted – once it is posted and applications have been received, interviews will be scheduled.
 - 3 members will be up for reappointment as of June 2025 for individuals who have either served their first full term or have served a partial term – information on the process to reapply will be sent individually to each member (this is also pending on the posting for board vacancies).
- Set board priorities for next session (October 2025 – June 2026)
 - After discussing the

VI. COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION & DISCUSSION

- Legislative
 - Would like to see a sample letter of support and review the history of actions taken by the board in the past
 - Would be interested in seeing if/how the scope of the legislative committee could be broadened to cover items that may not be purely legislative, and what that might look like
 - Would like to hear from additional speakers about the legislative process, what the board's role/responsibilities are
- Outreach
 - Interested in learning more about what level of advocacy the board has and what the board can do to connect/work with other boards, committees, and commissions
 - Would like to have an overview of the program areas (Office of Eligibility & Support Services, Child Welfare Services and Aging & Disability Services) at the beginning of each board year (in October) along with a review of what the board's role is in advocating for them
 - Interest in the MASSB training provided to board members at their seasonal conferences (there is one scheduled for the October MASSB meeting)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by F. Marshall, seconded by S. Howard
- Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Next meeting: *In-person - Monday, June 2nd, 2025; 4:00PM – 6:00PM*