

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Open Session Minutes | 4:00pm October 15, 2025 (Virtual Zoom Meeting)

Board Members Present: Chairman Kurt L. Schmoke, Esq.; Ms. MacKenzie Garvin, Esq.; Ms. Billie Malcolm; Ms. Onahlea Shimunek; Mr. John C. Weiss; and Mr. Tyrese McBain.

Also Present: President Debra L. McCurdy, PhD

- I. Chair Schmoke called the meeting to order at 4:05. The consent agenda (items a-e below) was unanimously approved.
 - a. September 17, 2025 Open Session Meeting Minutes
 - b. September 17 2025 Closed Session Meeting Summary
 - c. October 9, 2025 Finance/Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
 - d. Student Government Association Report
 - e. American Federation of Teachers Report/UAMD-BCCC
- II. Chairman Schmoke introduced the new Trustee, Ms. Onahlea Shimunek, and welcomed her to the Board, noting that she is in the hospitality industry and brings financial know-how and experience.
- III. Professor Laura Pope, Chapter Chair, BCCC-UAMD Faculty Union addressed the Trustees.

Before introducing her, Chairman Schmoke said he wanted to clarify that in July, he approached Dr. McCurdy to discuss a very preliminary matter that would require further investigation involving BCCC and the University of Baltimore working together. He looked at other institutions around the country that had collaborated. He also spoke to various state officials who told him to continue exploring. He said that all discussions have assumed that BCCC would remain independent and that there would be no loss of collective bargaining rights. He stated that there would be more to come and that he had hoped to raise the issue with the BCCC Trustees, but that news articles had appeared recently and beat him to it.

Dr. Pope said that she and other faculty members at BCCC were “blindsided” by the recent articles. She said nothing had been mentioned at college forums or bargaining sessions and that many felt BCCC was not acting in good faith by not informing faculty of what the newspaper described as an active effort to merge. She asked the Chairman whether he would answer a question and he said that would be “unusual” but agreed to do so. She then asked whether he planned to take this before the current 2026 legislative session. He replied that it would take at least a year to work out the details of any type of collaboration or combination and that he did not see that happening until sometime in 2027 at the earliest. She invited him to come to the BCCC campus to meet with faculty regarding the issue and he agreed.

- IV. **Procurements.** Purchases that were outside the board’s approval requirements (i.e., those under \$100,000) were discussed and reviewed at the Finance Committee. There were no further questions.

Procurements for over \$100,000 were presented to the Board by IVP Donna Thomas:

- o TouchNet software for students to access their data. This is a 4 year sole source contract. As an app that is integrated into the Banner system there are few companies in place to enable these services. In response to a question from Trustee Malcolm, Anna Lansaw, Director of Procurement, explained that the “sole source” designation is based on equipment compatibility.
- o ECSI is another sole source contract up for renewal that is used for refunds, IRS reporting, collections and issuing student statements/invoices.

Both contracts were unanimously approved.

- V. **Financial Report.** Brandon Cohen, Director of Budgets, showed a monthly financial performance report. As shown on the charts that he presented, there has been an increase in the College’s credit revenue and a decrease in the non-credit revenue, which together offset each other and wash out to about zero. He said he was “cautiously optimistic” about the school’s

finances and there were no questions.

- VI. **Policy.** Maria Rodriguez, General Counsel, introduced a proposed policy re Immigration Enforcement at BCCC. The Maryland legislature adopted HB 1222, the Maryland Values Acts, that directed the Office of Attorney General (OAG) to issue guidance, and requires every state agency to adopt a policy that distinguishes between public and private spaces and states that the agency does not consent to immigration enforcement officers entering private spaces without a judicial warrant or exigent circumstances. The College is required by law to adopt a policy that says we will not hinder immigration enforcement agents, but neither will we help them or cooperate with them. There were no questions and the Board unanimously adopted the policy, with Trustee Malcolm abstaining from the vote as she has not yet been officially sworn in.
- VII. **Enrollment Report.** Eileen Hawkins, Director of Institutional Research, and Becky Burrell, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness, Research & Planning, reported on the transfer data. Ms. Burrell noted that the College plans to have a first draft of its Strategic Transfer Excellence Plan by November 7, 2025 and the plan is scheduled to be launched in January, 2026.
- Donna Thomas, Vice President of Student Affairs, reported on Dual Enrollment and stated that the College will offer dual enrollment developmental courses in English, Math and Science starting in the spring. She noted that BCCC will be the first college to offer English and Math in the state.
- VIII. **Information Technology Report.** Wayne Rose, the College's CIO, provided an update regarding IT training, advisory services, and disaster recovery. He also noted that the College had increased its internet communications capacity.
- IX. **President's Report.** In lieu of presenting a report orally, Dr. McCurdy referred the Trustees to any questions about the Board Report. There being no questions, the Board moved into closed session.
- X. **Closing statement and Motion for Adjournment.** Chair Schmoke read the following closing statement:

The open session meeting of the Board of Trustees has concluded. Pursuant to the General Provisions Article, Sections 3-305(b) (1), (7), (8), and (9), the meeting will move into closed session so that the Board can:

- Discuss the employment, onboarding, separation, compensation and discipline of specific College employees;
- Consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;
- Discuss strategy, merits, and legal advice regarding pending litigation and administrative complaints involving the College;
- and Discuss matters related to collective bargaining.

Chair Schmoke asked for a motion to adjourn and close, saying that the Board would reconvene in closed session in 5 minutes. Trustee Weiss moved to close the meeting at 4:48 PM. Trustee Terrell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.