

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Open Session Minutes | 4:00pm May 20, 2026 (Virtual Zoom Meeting)

Board Members Present: Vice Chair Dr. Roger Ward, Esq.; Ms. Billie Malcolm; Ms. Onahlea Shimunek; Mr. John C. Weiss; and Mr. Tyrese McBain.

Also Present: President Debra L. McCurdy, PhD.

- I.** Vice Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 4:01. The consent agenda (items a-c below) was unanimously approved upon a motion by Trustee Weiss, seconded by Trustee Malcolm.

- a. April 15, 2026, Open Session Meeting Minutes
- b. April 15, 2026, Closed Session Meeting Summary
- c. Student Government Association Report

Vice Chair Ward noted that the Faculty Senate had submitted a report that arrived too late to be included in the Board materials, but that it had been received.

- II.** The BOT received no requests to speak at the meeting:

III. Procurements.

All procurements considered by the Board were for informational purposes only. All were under \$100,000 and not subject to a vote.

- Radio Programming (American Public Media) \$34,396.00
VP Augustus described the sole source service the radio station uses. It is a long-standing contract up for renewal. No questions were raised
- Anthology Ally Software (Blackboard T&L, LLC) \$83,000.
Dr. Wayne Rose, CIO, explained that this is software that works with Canvas to enable student accessibility as required by law. Vice Chair Ward asked Dr. Rose for details of the Canvas hostage malware situation. Dr. Rose stated that some bad actors had taken over the Canvas system, affecting thousands of institutions. Instructure, which owns Canvas, was able to make a deal with the bad actors that allowed institutions, including BCCC, to continue using the program. There were no questions.
- IT Ticketing System (Freshworks, Inc.) \$58,797.60
Dr. Rose explained that this software allows IT to keep track of what it does to help IT users.
- Commencement Venue (Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Inc.) \$28,600.00

V.P of Student Affairs Donna Thomas explained that BCCC is looking into a multi-year contract to reduce the cost. Trustee Malcolm complimented the ceremony, as did Trustee Shimunek, who commented on the positive energy of the event. The turnout was very good and other comments focused on the Commencement speaker and the singer who were both excellent.

- WBJC Membership Premiums (Forest Incentives, LLC) \$60,000
Mr. Augustus, VP of Advancement, spoke to this procurement for the gifts that the radio station provides. They have several membership drives, and the last one surpassed the \$80K goal, which included the cost of providing gifts.
- Indefinite Quantity A&E Service – No cost extension
VP Micheal Thomas explained the contract for engineering and architectural services. The College still has monies remaining on the contract, so this is a no-cost extension for an additional year to ensure BCCC can complete all of its deferred maintenance projects. There were no questions from Trustees.

IV. Financial Report.

Dr. Tyria Stone, Vice President of Finance and Administration, reviewed the financials as of the month ending April 30, 2026. She also presented a high level report regarding the status of the College, Foundation, and OLA audit.

Regarding the OLA audit, she was asked whether items that were identified by the auditors but were immediately addressed by the College would be noted in the final report. She stated that they will not. She added that the College would request that the auditors return early to address the changes to the findings before the next 5-year audit is scheduled.

Asked how many of the repeat findings would be addressed by the College, she stated that they all would be resolved, many would be addressed by the end of June/July, 2026. She noted that the findings related to inventory will take more time because the College needs to build an infrastructure to manage it and needed to identify the right technology to track inventory and assign staffing to oversee that effort.

When asked, she stated that the College will limit the scope of the early audit visit to only those items that were earlier identified in the report.

V. Enrollment Report.

Ms. Donna Thomas, VP of Student Affairs, spoke:

Phi Theta Kappa: BCCC hosted the honor society recognition dinner again this year which included the two-year institutions in Maryland. The College increased its participation by 51% with 3 students recognized. BCCC will host the dinner again in 2027.

The college reintroduced the academic awards ceremony to be held annually in April. Forty-five students were honored this year as they excelled academically.

Ms. Thomas addressed how well Commencement went this year. Twenty-five P Tech students graduated, including a 17-year old who earned his nursing degree and his high school diploma at the same time.

She spoke about the Mayor's scholars summer bridge program which is anticipated to enroll 350 to 375 students this summer.

Dual Enrollment for 2026-27 is on track with 9 schools participating and 20 course requests so far from those 9 schools. BCCC anticipates a few additional high-school partner requests.

Ms. Eileen Hawkins, Director of Institutional Research, also presented:

She stated that for Summer (all sessions), 1,659 students are registered as of May 21. The first day of classes is May 26 and the last day to register for any of the Summer sessions is July 7. Donna Thomas added that the Mayor's Scholars Program Summer Bridge registrations have not begun. These students will be enrolling in the Summer II session, which begins on July 7.

With several months of registration still ahead, Fall 2026 has nearly 1,500 students registered as of May 21. The first day of Fall classes is August 26 and the last day to register for any of the Fall sessions is October 20.

VI. Information Technology Report.

Wayne Rose, the College's CIO, presented the Information Technology Report, focusing on Realignment Task #9, and addressing critical information technology and infrastructure needs.

The presentation was organized around three key initiatives:

- Infrastructure Improvements
- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System & Advisory Services
- Disaster Recovery

Dr. Rose stated that together, these initiatives aim to modernize systems, improve operational efficiency, and strengthen resiliency across the college's IT environment.

Dr. Rose explained that significant progress is underway to enhance the college's ERP system (Banner) and align it with institutional needs:

- Human Resources is actively testing a *Leave Request* module.
- Workforce & Continuing Education programs are being migrated into Banner.
- Finance and Administration employees are improving internal approval workflows.
- There is ongoing review of 2026 contractual work and planning for support needs through 2027.

Dr. Rose clarified that the College is making targeted upgrades to its technology infrastructure to improve security, access, and user experience:

- Implementation of student Verkada access cards
- Decommissioning of the legacy Lenel system
- Completion of a Wi-Fi assessment and selection of a vendor
- Microsoft lab upgrades
- Expansion of disability software services to support accessibility

Trustee Malcolm asked how Wi Fi was affecting students, and Dr. Rose explained that students often have difficulty connecting to Wi Fi and that some cannot connect at all from various access points. Trustee Malcom noted that the information provided was clear and non-technical, and said she appreciated and wanted to note such.

As it relates to Disaster Recovery & Resilience, Dr. Rose expressed that BCCC is strengthening its disaster preparedness and business continuity capabilities:

- Collaboration with State DoIT engineers at the backup site to validate preparedness
- Focus on ensuring data accessibility during emergencies while reducing costs
- Planning a Tabletop Exercise to test institutional readiness

The College is proactively mitigating risk and ensuring continuity of operations in the event of disruptions.

VII. President's Report

Dr. McCurdy and V.P. Michael Thomas provided a history of capital funding for BCCC and deferred maintenance projects at the College, including:

- Loop Road HVAC and Monopole Removal – *completed* \$46,431 Construction
- South Pavilion IT Closets – *completed* \$16,134
- Replace Exterior Doors Campus-wide – *completed* \$421,432 Construction

- Life Science Skylight Repair – *completed* \$88,850 Construction
- Main Building Cooling Tower and Roof Replacement (DGS) – *completed* \$848,777.90 Construction
- Life Science Restroom Renovation – (DGS) – *completed* \$42,410 Design
- South Pavilion – Replace Windows (DGS) – *completed* \$48,500 Design
- Campus Entry Sign – (BCCC) – *completed* \$99,745 Construction
- Campus Landscape Improvements – (BCCC) – *completed* \$19,087 Construction
- Physical Education Concrete Column Repairs – (BCCC) – *completed* \$779,030 Construction
- Fine Arts – Replace curtainwall windows (DGS) – in progress \$83,290 Design
- Security Kiosk (BCCC) – *completed* \$252,972 Construction

Dr. McCurdy and V.P. Michael Thomas provided updates regarding ongoing building projects.

- **The Nursing Building Renovation and Addition:** In FY 2025, the College received \$1,289,000 to begin the redesign of the Nursing Building, built in 1977. Significant building systems will be replaced, including HVAC, electrical, lighting, plumbing, building envelope, and fire alarm. Currently, the building has insufficient space to meet enrollment demand and is not configured for a modern nursing education curriculum. The new facility will provide nursing simulation suites that meet current hospital and accreditation standards. Programs will include Nursing, Respiratory Care, Surgical Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiology Technician, and Occupational Therapy. DBM-DGS reduced the total project area from 30,000 SF to 24,278 SF. The new cost estimate is \$44,498,000.
- **Learning Commons Renovation & Addition:** The College received \$3,370,000 to begin the design of the Learning Commons project in FY 2023 and FY 2024. BCCC received \$9,790,000 to continue design and begin construction, creating a new Learning Commons facility for the campus. The request is based on the College's need to renovate and expand the 57-year-old facility, which is beyond its useful life and no longer serves the needs of the students today. The project is currently in the Design Phase. This is the first project in the Facilities Master Plan to begin the transformation of the Liberty Campus. The total funding for this project is \$44,357,000.

The following projects are envisioned for the future:

- **Unidentified Property Acquisition:** The fiscal 2026 operating budget included authorization for Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) to use \$9.0 million of special funds from the college's fund balance to purchase an unidentified parcel of land adjacent to the Liberty Campus.
- **Demolition of North Pavilion:** This project will demolish the vacant North Pavilion. The 2025 CIP programmed design and construction in fiscal 2027 and 2028, respectively. BCCC has proposed converting the site to include parking and to accommodate the commercial driver's license program. The schedule and scope result in an estimated total project cost of \$2.8 million, and DBM is pre-authorizing funds in FY28.
- **Wellness Center:** Currently the College is finalizing the program documents. The Wellness Center is currently being programmed and will expand the recreation, health, and physical therapy spaces for students, staff, and community partners at the Physical Education Center. The entire project is estimated to cost \$50,393,000.
- **Facilities Building:** Currently the College is finalizing the program documents. BCCC plans to construct a new facility to house offices, a shop, garage, and storage areas. The trailer has exceeded its useful life. The project will result in a new permanent facility providing centralized office and storage space. The entire project is estimated to cost \$8,461,000.
- **Center for Innovation at the Harbor:** BCCC requested funds to redevelop the Bard site for the Center for Innovation at the Harbor, which will consolidate leased space into one facility owned and operated by the College. This will allow efficient operations for the College and offer new innovative programs and expansion of the College's services. The total estimated cost of is \$166,000,000.

VIII. Closing statement and Motion for Adjournment.

Vice Chair Ward 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:

- 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.

Vice Chair Ward asked for a motion to adjourn and close. Trustee Weiss made a motion and Trustee Malcolm seconded. The motion was unanimously approved and the Open meeting was adjourned.at 5:27 P.M.