



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TRUSTEE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**OPEN SESSION  
AGENDA**

**APRIL 27, 2026**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INFORMATION ITEM**
  - A. Minutes (Meeting of February 2, 2026)
- III. ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. Three-Year Meeting Schedule
  - B. Shared Governance – Board of Trustees Major Actions Calendar
- IV. MOTION AND VOTE TO CLOSE THE MEETING**

Vote to close the meeting in compliance with Title 10, Subtitle 3 of the General Provisions Article, the Open Meetings Act, for the purposes set forth in the closing statement, specifically to protect the privacy and identity of individuals who may be discussed or matters that do not require public disclosure at this time. The Committee will discuss potential candidates for membership in the Board of Trustees.
- V. ADJOURNMENT**



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TRUSTEE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Date of Meeting: February 2, 2026**

**Status of Minutes: Approved**

**Trustee Governance Committee Members Present:** Board Chair John J. Bell '95, Committee Chair Kristen Greenaway, President Rhonda Phillips, Aaron Tomarchio '96, Heidi Murdy-Michael, John Wobensmith '93, Melanie Rosalez '92, Ray Wernecke

**Committee Members Absent:** N/A

**Staff Members Present:** Brandon Engle (President's Office), Robert Artiga-Valencia (President's Office)

**Others Present:** N/A

**Executive Summary**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. Trustees discussed potential candidates to serve as the Commencement Speaker and potential recipients of an honorary degree as part of the 2026 Commencement Ceremony proceedings. Trustees also discussed progress made by the Shared Governance Working Group. At 1:16 p.m., the meeting was closed to discuss potential candidates to serve on the College's Board of Trustees following the expiration of terms for current Trustees. The meeting returned to open session to summarize closed session discussion items at 1:37 p.m. and adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

**Discussion Items**

*Spring 2026 Commencement – Honorary Degree Recipient*

Dr. Phillips provided an update regarding the potential recipient of an honorary doctorate from SMCM as part of the 2026 Commencement Ceremony. While a specific recipient has not yet been identified and approved, candidates are under active consideration by the Board.

*Spring 2026 Commencement – Commencement Speaker*

Dr. Phillips provided an update regarding potential keynote speakers for the 2026 Commencement Ceremony. Several candidates have been identified, and an invitation has been prepared and sent by the President's Office.

### *Shared Governance Working Group Statement*

Trustee Murdy-Michael provided an overview and update of the Shared Governance Working Group's progress since its establishment in Fall 2025. The Working Group's first action was to develop a Statement on Principles of Shared Governance to identify guiding and operating principles of shared governance which align best practices with the unique mission and status of St. Mary's College of Maryland. Following consideration and approval of this Statement by the Board of Trustees, the Working Group will then identify specific recommendations to further improve shared governance at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

A motion to recommend the Statement for consideration by the full Board was made at 1:14 pm by Trustee Wernecke and seconded by Trustee Wobensmith. No dissenting votes were cast.

### **Motion to Close**

A motion to close in accordance with Maryland General Provisions §3-305 (b) was made at 1:16 pm by Trustee Wernecke and seconded by Trustee Wobensmith. No dissenting votes were cast.

### **Return to Open Session and Adjournment**

After returning to open session to summarize closed session discussion items, including the discussion of potential candidates to serve on the College's Board of Trustees following the expiration of terms for current Trustees. Neither a vote nor any official action occurred during closed session. At 1:37 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Wernecke and seconded by Trustee Murdy-Michael. The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

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**ACTION ITEM III.A.  
APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THREE-YEAR  
MEETING SCHEDULE (MAY 2026 THROUGH OCTOBER 2028)**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Trustee Governance Committee recommends the adoption of the following three-year calendar to establish working parameters for Board business.

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

May 15, 2026 – Board Meeting  
May 16, 2026 – Commencement  
July 30, 2026 – Board Retreat  
July 31, 2026 – Board Retreat  
October 9, 2026 – Board Meeting  
October 10, 2026 – Board Meeting

**CALENDAR YEAR 2027**

February 19, 2027 – Board Meeting  
February 20, 2027 – Board Meeting  
May 14, 2027 – Board meeting  
May 15, 2027 – Commencement  
July 15, 2027 – Board Retreat  
July 16, 2027 – Board Retreat  
October 15, 2027- Board Meeting  
October 16, 2027 – Board Meeting

**CALENDAR YEAR 2028**

February 18, 2028 – Board Meeting  
February 19, 2028 – Board Meeting  
May 12, 2028 – Board Meeting  
May 13, 2028 – Commencement  
July 14, 2028 – Board Retreat  
July 15, 2028 – Board Retreat  
October 13, 2028 – Board Meeting  
October 14, 2028 – Board Meeting



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**ACTION ITEM III.B.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAJOR ACTIONS CALENDAR  
JULY 2026 THROUGH JUNE 2027**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Trustee Governance Committee recommends the adoption of the following calendar of major Board actions to improve situational awareness across campus constituencies who may be interested in, or impacted by, these functions. While this calendar does not serve as a binding requirement on the Board to address any specific issue during or by any specific meeting, it is intended to enhance transparency, strengthen shared governance, and improve coordination across the institution. By providing a forward-looking framework of when significant decisions – including financial matters, issues related to academic or campus life, and the development, implementation, and evaluation of strategic priorities – are anticipated to come before the Board, this calendar will support more timely and constructive engagement between the Board of Trustees, the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and Student Government Association.

# St. Mary's College of Maryland

## Board of Trustees

### Annual Calendar ('26-'27)

Note: **Bold** text indicates anticipated action items. *Italicized* text indicates anticipated discussion items.

In addition to the specific actions or discussion items listed here, the Board may request or receive updates on enrollment, retention, personnel, academic programs, strategic planning and initiatives, campus construction projects, and adjustments to campus policies, among other pertinent topics at any time. Additionally, this calendar does not serve as a binding requirement on the Board and items may be shifted as appropriate or necessary.

Winter Meeting (January-February)	Spring Meeting (May)	Summer Meeting (July)	Fall Meeting (October)
<b>Approve Faculty Tenure, Promotion, and Leave (ACAF)</b>	<b>Confer Degrees to Graduating Students (ACAF)</b>	Board Retreat (topics will vary)	<b>Approve Performance Accountability Report (FIA)</b>
<b>Approve Tuition, Fee, Room/Board Rates (FIA)</b>	<b>Approve Cultural Diversity Plan (CAML)</b>		<b>Reconcile Operating Budget &amp; Plant Fund (FIA)</b>
<b>Approve Operating Budget (FIA)</b>	<b>Approve State Capital Budget Request (FIA, TBG)</b>		<b>Approve Trustee Candidates for Recommendation to the Governor, if any (TGOV)</b>
<b>Approve Auditor's Report &amp; Financial Statements (FIA)</b>	<b>Approve Facilities Condition Report (TBG)</b>		
<b>Approve Plant Fund (FIA, TBG)</b>	<b>Elect Officers (TGOV)</b>		
<b>Approve Commencement Speaker &amp; Honorary Degree Recipient (TGOV)</b>	<b>Approve 3-Year Meeting Calendar (TGOV)</b>		
<i>Student Trustee-in-Training Nominations Received</i>	<b>Confer Trustee Emeritus Status, if any (TGOV)</b>		
<i>Legislative Session Progress Report</i>	<b>Approve Ark and Dove candidate(s), if any (TGOV)</b>		
	<b>Review and Approval of Authority Matrix (Full Board)</b>		
	<i>Announce Student Trustee-in-Training</i>		
	<i>End of Legislative Session Report</i>		

Committee Acronyms:  
 ACAF – Academic Affairs;  
 CAML – Campus Life;  
 FIA – Finance, Investment, and Audit;  
 TBG – Technology, Buildings, and Grounds;  
 TGOV – Trustee Governance.

Faculty Senate Fall '26 Meeting Schedule: September 9th, September 30th, October 14th, October 28th, December 2nd.

Staff Senate Fall '26 Meeting Schedule: 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30am

SGA Fall '26 Meeting Schedule: Every Tuesday at 8pm