St. Mary's College of Maryland
The National Public Honors College

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TRUSTEE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Date of Meeting: April 27, 2026 **Status of Minutes: Approved**

Trustees Present: Board Chair John J. Bell '95, Committee Chair Kristen Greenaway, Paula Collins, Heidi Murdy-Michael, Melanie Rosalez '92, Ray Wernecke, Pres. Rhonda Phillips.

Trustees Absent: Aaron Tomarchio '96, John Wobensmith '93.

Staff Members Present: Robert Artiga-Valencia '21 (President's Office), Brandon Engle '18 (President's Office), Anna Yates (President's Office), Anne Marie Brady '93 (Institutional Research & Planning).

Others Present: Mary Broadwater (OAG).

Executive Summary

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am. Trustees approved the Board's Three Year Meeting Schedule and discussed the Shared Governance Working Group's proposed Calendar of Major Board Actions. Following this discussion, the Committee voted to close the meeting at 10:18 am in accordance with §3-305(b)(1)(i)-(ii) and (b)(2) of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code. During this time the Committee discussed prospective candidates for the Board of Trustees following the expiration of term of current Trustees, the nomination of Board Officers for academic year 2026-2027, and nominees to the Order of the Ark & the Dove.

Action Items

Three-Year Meeting Schedule

Trustees discussed the proposed three-year meeting schedule to establish working parameters for Board business, with Chair Greenaway noting that the Committee has endeavored to ensure maximum availability and flexibility, especially with regard to summer retreats which are dependent on venue requirements. Trustee Collins noted that the Schedule should generally avoid federal and/or state holidays, as well as major campus events which typically occur in late January, early February and October. Trustee Wernecke motioned to approve the Schedule contingent upon confirmation of appropriate dates, and that motion was seconded by Trustee Rosalez '92. No dissenting votes were cast.

Shared Governance – Calendar of Major Board Actions

Trustees discussed the proposed Calendar of Major Board Actions as developed by the Shared Governance Working Group. Trustee Murdy-Michael, who serves on the Working Group, shared that 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 further enhance transparency, strengthen shared governance, and improve coordination across the institution. Pres. Phillips noted that the timeline for some items on the Calendar, such as decisions to grant sabbatical leave and to approve tuition, fee, and room and board schedules, may not be accurate. Trustee Collins also noted that items which are approved by multiple Committees should be updated to reflect that dual responsibility, and that some items, including reports delivered to, or approved by, the Board in accordance with Title IX and the Jeanne Clery Act are not currently reflected by the Calendar. Trustee Wernecke also noted that some content and formatting items did not reflect the full scope of the Board's work each year.

Separately, AAG Broadwater noted that a "policy on policies" might be beneficial to coordination of the Board and the College's work, and offered to share examples from other institutions. Trustee Rosalez '92 agreed to engage in further discussion on this item given her professional background and experience in this space. Following this discussion, the Calendar was tabled for the purpose of alteration.

Motion to Close

A motion to close in accordance with Maryland General Provisions §3-305 (b) was made at 10:19 am by Trustee Wernecke and seconded by Trustee Rosalez '92. No dissenting votes were cast.

Return to Open Session & Adjournment

After returning to open session at 10:46 am, Chair Greenaway summarized closed session discussion items – including the status of prospective candidates for the Board of Trustees following the expiration of term of current Trustees, the nomination of Board Officers for academic year 2026-2027, and nominees to the Order of the Ark & the Dove – and invited further comments or discussion on any additional items. None was raised.

At 10:47 am, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Wernecke and seconded by Trustee Rosalez '92. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.