

ST MARY'S
COLLEGE of MARYLAND

The National Public Honors College

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 6, 2025**

**AGENDA
OPEN SESSION**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. INFORMATION ITEM**
 - A. Ark & Dove Award**
- III. DISCUSSION ITEM**
 - A. Board Meeting Calendar/3-Year**
- IV. ACTION ITEM**
 - A. Board Meeting Calendar 2026 Edit**
- V. ADJOURNMENT/OPEN SESSION to CLOSED SESSION**
 - A. Closing Statement**



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**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: September 11, 2024

Status of Minutes: Approved

Committee Chair: Paula Collins

Committee Members Present: Paula Collins, Chair; Kristen Greenaway, Vice Chair; Donny Bryan '73; Sven Holmes; John Wobensmith '93; John Bell '95, Board Chair, *ex-officio*; Tuajuanda Jordan, President, *ex-officio*.

Committee Members Absent: Melanie Rosalez, '92

Others Present: Mary Broadwater

Staff Members: David Taylor; Betsy Barreto

Chair Collins called the open session to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

She noted that at the October Board meeting dinner the 2024 Ark & Dove recipient would be awarded to the individual that the Board voted for in May, though the name had not been publicly released at the time of the meeting. For next year, she indicated that nominations are welcome and appreciated for deserving individuals to receive this award, which is one of the most prestigious honors the College bestows. She reviewed the process by which recipients are chosen. Nominations can be sent to President Jordan and Chair Collins. Once the Executive Council has chosen the nominee, it is sent to the Committee and full Board for approval.

Chair Collins asked for a motion (received) and second (received) and a vote (unanimous) to go into closed session in accordance with Maryland General Provisions Code Ann. § 3-305 (b) to review and discuss items permitted in closed session, specifically (1)(i) The appointment, employment, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over which it has jurisdiction; (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter not related to public business. Primarily, this closed session was required to review and vote on candidates for appointment as new trustees; the continuation of current trustees for additional terms; and the results of an assessment of Board performance.

This meeting would not return into open session. At 9:35 a.m. the open session was adjourned.

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ACTION ITEM - IV.A

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CALENDAR EDIT – FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Governance Committee recommends the following edits to the Board of Trustees meeting schedule for calendar year 2026; the February date edit is to provide more time for committee meetings to be held and meeting materials prepared after winter break given the new committee meeting schedule. The October wording edit is to convey more clearly the new meeting format.

Current Calendar:

CALENDAR YEAR 2026

- February 6, 2026 – Committee Meetings
- February 7, 2026 – Board Meeting
- May 15, 2026 – Board Meeting (*Committees and Board*)
- May 16, 2026 – Commencement
- July 24, 2026 – Board Retreat
- July 25, 2026 – Board Retreat
- October 9, 2026 – Committee Meetings
- October 10, 2026 – Board Meeting

Proposed Calendar:

CALENDAR YEAR 2026

- February 13, 2026 – Board Meeting
- February 14, 2026 – Board Meeting
- May 15, 2026 – Board Meeting (*Committees and Board*)
- May 16, 2026 – Commencement
- July 24, 2026 – Board Retreat
- July 25, 2026 – Board Retreat
- October 9, 2026 – Board Meeting
- October 10, 2026 – Board Meeting