

Good evening. My name is Dr. Michael Lin and I am the chairman of the Board of Trustees for Montgomery College.

We realize that you have been patiently waiting for us to conclude our deliberations.

I can tell you that we, as a Board, have decided to make a change in the leadership of the College. The Board voted not to renew Dr. Johnson's contract. We also voted to place Dr. Johnson on administrative leave, with pay, effective immediately so that the Board can consider further action.

With the new semester underway, we are determined to maintain leadership here at the College. To that end, we are appointing former provost Dr. Hercules Pinkney as interim president and he has agreed to serve starting tomorrow. We look forward to Dr. Pinkney's stewardship.

We arrived at these decisions after much discussion and deliberation. We take our responsibility of oversight of the College seriously and feel this action is in the best interest of the Montgomery College community.

We make this decision for the greater good of Montgomery College and for the entire community at large.

This is what I can tell you at this time. We will keep you informed as we move forward in the best interests of the College.

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