

**Senate Testimony: SB0306 – Education – Board of Community College Trustees for  
Baltimore County – Membership  
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committees  
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**Position: Support**

Good afternoon. I am Sandra Kurtinitis, the proud president of the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC). Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding the update to §16–402 of the Education Article governing the Board of Trustees for the Community College of Baltimore County. We believe firmly that the expansion of the Baltimore County Council from seven to nine Councilmanic districts will now require a statutory adjustment to the structure of the CCBC Board to ensure future Board productivity.

Although Dr. Richard Scheper, able Chair of our college’s Board of Trustees, has provided testimony necessary to underscore the importance of our request, please allow me to offer a perspective supportive of the proposed change from the college’s point of view.

CCBC already has the largest community college Board of the 16 Maryland community colleges, actually double the statewide default of seven. Unless §16–402 is adjusted to control for size, our Board will swell to 19 members with two Trustees from each of the nine Councilmanic Districts—plus one at large member. While a Board of 15 is manageable, a 19-member Board moves towards distinct oversize.

We are skilled in managing this large college efficiently and well. CCBC is a large multi-campus community college which served 55,000 students last year. Believing that “Everything we do is Workforce Development,” we are proud of our reputation as a strong economic engine for Baltimore County. Every year roughly 13,000 CCBC students complete something important to them and their families: a degree, a certificate, a workforce certification, or transfer.

A college of this size and reputation relies upon a strong Board of Trustees for direction, guidance, and inspiration. In the 21 years of my tenure as CCBC’s president, we have been blessed to have a wise and dedicated Board of Trustees led by talented Board Chairs. We have worked hard to support a Board of 15 members to keep them engaged and informed. In return, we receive the support, direction, and leadership which has helped CCBC reach the stature we hold today.

Therefore, we join our Trustees in appealing to the Legislature to amend the statute to remove the requirement of two trustees per Councilmanic District. We will be proud to work with a newly constituted Board of eleven smart, dedicated trustees. We appreciate the opportunity to address you on this matter and encourage you to use this opportunity to strengthen the workings of one of Maryland’s premier community colleges.

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