

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING  
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Date: February 3, 2025      Time: 9:04 a.m.      Location: Zoom

Motion to close meeting made by: Vice Chair Lynch


	<b>IN FAVOR</b>	<b>OPPOSED</b>	<b>ABSTAINING</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Theodore Luck, Chair</b>	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>Tom Lynch, Vice Chair</b>	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>Carolyn Kimberlin</b>	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>Tracey McPherson</b>	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>William Reid</b>	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>Myrna Whitworth</b>	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (check all that apply):**

- (1) To discuss (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;
- (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of an individual with respect to a matter that is not related to public business;
- (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition;
- (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;
- (5) To consider the investment of public funds;
- (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;
- (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;
- (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;
- (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;
- (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
- (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
- (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
- (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;
- (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.
- (15) To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information, including information that is: 1. related to passwords, personal identification numbers, access codes, encryption, or other components of the security system of a governmental entity; 2. collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental entity to prevent, detect, or investigate criminal activity; or 3. related to an assessment, made by or for a governmental entity or maintained by a governmental entity, of the vulnerability of a network to criminal activity; or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

**For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.**

Citation	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b)(1)	To obtain legal advice related to a personnel matter	Attorney-client privilege/maintain confidentiality of personnel matters
§3-305(b)(7) §3-305(b)(9)	To obtain legal advice related to collective bargaining strategy and potential positions	Attorney-client privilege/collective bargaining

This statement is made by Theodore Luck, Presiding Officer:   
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