

Written Statement for Closing a Meeting (“Closing Statement”)

Date: January 12, 2022

A. Pursuant to Section 3-305(b) and (d) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, I move to adjourn this open session to a closed session only:

1. X “To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals”;
3. X “To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;” and
13. X “To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.”

B. For each provision checked above, the topic to be discussed and the reason for discussing that topic in closed session is provided below.

Statutory Citation	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion
§3-305(b)(1)	The employment, performance, and compensation of a specific individual employee.	The meeting must be closed to the public because it involves an individual employee over whom HOC has jurisdiction, and the discussion will include personal information about the individual’s specific performance and employment.
§3-305(b)(3)	The potential acquisition/purchase of multifamily properties located in Bethesda, Maryland.	The meeting must be closed in order to protect HOC’s ability to purchase the properties. Public discussion of this item could harm HOC’s bargaining position and result in HOC not being able to purchase the properties.
§3-305(b)(13)	The confidential commercial and financial terms of HOC’s potential purchase of the above referenced acquisition.	Section 4-335 of the Maryland Public Information Act prevents disclosure of confidential commercial or financial information obtained from a third-party. The meeting must be closed to the public in order to protect confidential commercial and financial information provided to HOC from financial institutions regarding the financing of the above referenced acquisition. All such information to be discussed is customarily and actually treated as private by the financial institutions, and has been provided to HOC under an assurance of privacy.

C. This statement is made by Roy Priest, Chair.

D. Recorded vote to close the meeting:

- Date: January 12, 2022 Time: 4:48 p.m. Location: Zoom (LiveStream on YouTube)
- Motion to close meeting made by: Roy Priest, Chair
- Motion seconded by: Jackie Simon, Commissioner
- Commissioners in favor: Roy Priest, Frances Kelleher, Richard Y. Nelson, Jr., Pamela Byrd, Linda Croom, Jeffrey Merkowitz, and Jackie Simon
- Commissioners opposed: None
- Commissioners abstaining: None
- Commissioners absent: None

Officer’s Signature: 