WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Date: November 18, 2026 Time: 6:08 pm Location: Conference Center (E126)

Motion to close meeting made by: Vice Chair Hernandez

	IN FAVOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAINING	ABSENT
William Reid, Chair	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Carmen Hernandez, Vice Chair	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Jan Gardner	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Carolyn Kimberlin	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Theodore Luck	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Tracey McPherson	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Stephen Slater	[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 discuss an employee investigation	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
§3-305(b)(13)	Review and approval of closed session minutes from August 19, 2026 and September 28, 2026 pursuant to §3-306(c)(3)(ii)	Minutes of a closed session shall be sealed and may not be open to public inspection

This statement is made by William Reid, Presiding Officer: _____
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