



**THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

6611 Kenilworth Avenue • Riverdale, Maryland 20737

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

Date: 01/21/2026      Time: 10:10 am  
Location: Via Videoconference

Motion to close meeting made by Vice Chair Harris. Seconded by Commissioner Manuel Geraldo.

Members voting in favor: Barnes, Bartley, Geraldo, Harris, Hedrick, Linden, Okoye, Pedoeem

Opposed:     N/A     Abstaining:     N/A     Absent:     N/A    

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

- (1) 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; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;
- (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;
- (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
- (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 on a legal matter;
- (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, such as information that is related to passwords, personal ID numbers, access codes, encryption, security devices, or vulnerability assessments or that a governmental entity collects or maintains to prevent, detect, or investigate criminal activity; or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

**FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

*Pursuant to the Maryland General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305(b)(9) a closed session is proposed to a closed session is proposed to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.*

**Topics to be discussed:**

Commissioners to be briefed on the status of collective bargaining negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police Collective Bargaining Unit.

**This statement is made by:**

Darrly Barnes, Chair, Presiding Officer.

**PRINT NAME**



January 29, 2026

**SIGNATURE & DATE**