



Commission Special Meeting Open Session Minutes April 30, 2026

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission met in a hybrid format – in-person at the Wheaton Headquarters Building, and via videoconference. The meeting was broadcast by the Montgomery County Planning Department.

Present

Prince George’s County Commissioners

Manuel Geraldo

Brittany Jenkins

Lori Matthews

Billy Okoye

Montgomery County Commissioners

Artie Harris, Vice-Chair

Shawn Bartley

James Hedrick

Josh Linden

Mitra Pedoeem

Not Present

Darryl Barnes, Chair

Vice-Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 12:24 p.m.

Item 1. Approval of the Commission Meeting Agenda

- a) Approval of April 30, 2026, Commission Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to approve the meeting agenda

Seconded by Commissioner Pedoeem

9 approved the items

Pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(1), a closed session is proposed to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; (7), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding pending or potential litigation; and (8), to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Item 5. Closed Session

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Hedrick to enter closed session
Seconded by Commissioner Pedoeem
9 approved the item

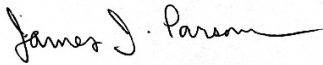
The Commission convened in Closed Session at 12:25 p.m. to discuss Item 5 on the motion of Commissioner Hedrick, seconded by Commissioner Pedoeem, with Vice-Chair Harris and Commissioners Bartley, Geraldo, Hedrick, Jenkins, Linden, Matthews, and Pedoeem voting in favor of the motion, and Chair Barnes absent. The meeting was closed under the authority of Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(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 it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; (7), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding pending or potential litigation; and (8), to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Present for the meeting were Vice-Chair Harris and Commissioners Bartley, Hedrick, Linden, and Pedoeem, with Commissioners Geraldo, Jenkins, Matthews, and Okoye attending virtually via Teams.

Also in attendance were Deputy General Counsel Wes Aniton, Principal Counsel Ben Rupert, and Principal Counsel Emily Vaias of the Legal Department.

During Closed Session, the Commission approved past Closed Session minutes. The Commission also discussed a personnel matter affecting one or more individuals, received Legal advice from Commission counsel related to outcomes and options for pending or potential litigation, and consulted with staff or others about issues related to potential or pending litigation. The Commissioners provided input and direction.

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.



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