



Commission Special Meeting Open Session Minutes May 29, 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 (Joined at 2:25 p.m. during discussion of Closed Session Item 2a)

Brittany Jenkins

Lori Matthews

Billy Okoye

Montgomery County Commissioners

Artie Harris, Chair

Shawn Bartley

James Hedrick

Josh Linden

Mitra Pedoeem

Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

Item 1. Approval of the Commission Meeting Agenda

a) Approval of May 29, 2026, Commission Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Pedoeem to approve the meeting agenda

Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick

8 approved the item

Pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article, Section § 3-305(b)(7) and (8), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation related to unanticipated Commission financial matters.

Item 2. Closed Session

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Pedoeem to enter closed session

Seconded by Commissioner Okoye

8 approved the item

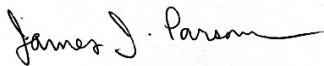
The Commission convened in Closed Session at 2:20 p.m. to discuss Item 2 on the motion of Commissioner Pedoeem, seconded by Commissioner Okoye, with Chair Harris and Commissioners Bartley, Hedrick, Jenkins, Linden, Matthews, and Pedoeem voting in favor of the motion, and Commissioner Geraldo absent. The meeting was closed under the authority of Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b) (7), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and (8), to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation related to unanticipated Commission financial matters.

Present for the meeting were Chair Harris and Commissioners Bartley, Hedrick, Linden, and Pedoeem, with Commissioners Jenkins, Matthews, and Okoye attending virtually via MS Teams, and Commissioner Geraldo joining virtually at 2:25 p.m.

Also in attendance were William Spencer, Acting Executive Director; Terri Bacote-Charles, Corporate Budget Director; Wes Aniton, Deputy General Counsel; Ben Rupert, Principal Counsel; David Warner, Principal Counsel; and Emily Vaia, Principal Counsel of the Office of the General Counsel; Darius Stanton, Director; and Georgia Noone-Sherrod, Chief of Staff of Prince George's Parks and Recreation; James Hunt, Acting Director; Gwen McCall-Winston, Deputy Director; Katina Shoulars, Acting Deputy Director; and Claire Worshtil, Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Budget Manager of Prince George's Planning; Jessica Jones, Chief Operations Officer of Prince George's Office of the Chair; and James Parsons, Sr. Technical Writer of the Office of the Executive Director.

During the Closed Session meeting, the Commissioners received Legal advice from Commission counsel regarding potential litigation related to unanticipated Commission financial matters. The Commissioners provided input and direction, and on motion of Commissioner Geraldo, seconded by Commissioner Hedrick, with Chair Harris and Commissioners Bartley, Geraldo, Hedrick, Jenkins, Linden, Matthews, Okoye, and Pedoeem voting in favor of the motion, approved Counsel's recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.



James J. Parsons, Senior Technical Writer



William Spencer, Acting Executive Director