



Commission Special Meeting Open Session Minutes September 18, 2026

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission met via videoconference. The meeting was broadcast by the Montgomery County Planning Department.

Present

Prince George's County Commissioners

Kevin Anderson, Vice Chair

Gloria Lawlah

Lori Matthews

Billy Okoye

Montgomery County Commissioners

Artie Harris, Chair

Shawn Bartley (Left meeting at 10:23 a.m.)

James Hedrick (Joined at 10:08 a.m.)

Josh Linden

Mitra Pedoeem

Absent

Brittany Jenkins

Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Item 1. Approval of the Commission Meeting Agenda

- a) Approval of September 18, 2026, Commission Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Anderson to approve the meeting agenda

Seconded by Commissioner Okoye

8 approved the item

Pursuant to the Maryland General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a closed session was proposed pursuant to:

- a) Section 3-305(b)(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 – Topic: Executive Director

- b) Section 3-305(b)(7), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; and Section 3-305(b)(8), to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation – Topic: Project Charge Litigation

Item 2. Closed Session

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

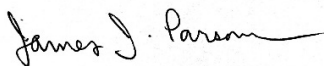
On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Pedoeem, with Commissioners Anderson, Bartley, Harris, Hedrick, Lawlah, Linden, Matthews, Okoye, and Pedoeem voting in favor of the motion, and Commissioner Jenkins absent, the Commission convened in Closed Session at 10:10 a.m. under the authority of Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b) (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. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Anderson, Bartley, Harris, Hedrick, Lawlah, Linden, Matthews, Okoye, and Pedoeem.

Also present for this portion of the meeting were Emily Vaias, Principal Counsel; and Anne Lewis, Senior Manager, Raftelis Financial Consultants (virtual).

Thereafter, the Commissioners considered another closed session item, Section 3-305(b)(7), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; and Section 3-305(b)(8), to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Anderson, Bartley, Harris, Hedrick, Lawlah, Linden, Matthews, Okoye, and Pedoeem.

Also present for this portion of the meeting were Debra Borden, General Counsel; and Emily Vaias, Principal Counsel.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.



James J. Parsons, Senior Technical Writer

William Spencer, Acting Executive Director