

Meeting of County Commissioners
Wednesday, August 28, 2019

The meeting of the County Commissioners was convened at 1:00 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner
Bobby Rucci, Vice President, County Commissioner
Gilbert O. Bowling, III, County Commissioner
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner
Deborah Hall, Deputy County Administrator
Wesley Adams, County Attorney
Jesse Bungcayao, Commissioner Specialist/Acting Clerk to the Commissioners
**Amanda Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner via conference call*

Open Session

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance

Closed Session

At 1:01 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with Commissioner Collins, Rucci, Bowling and Coates (Commissioner Stewart was not present) voting in favor to move into close session where all or a portion of this session may be closed pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7)(8) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to seek legal advice and discuss one (1) issue related to one (1) potential litigation issue. The reason for closing is to keep legal negotiations, approaches and strategies confidential and to keep personnel information confidential.

Summary Closed Session Items

At 1:06 p.m. the Commissioners went into closed session. Commissioner Stewart was present via conference call.

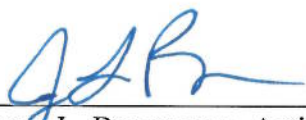
3-305(b)(7)(8): Legal Advice/Potential Litigation

Present: Commissioners Collins, Rucci, Bowling, Coates, Deborah Hall, Wes Adams, and Jesse Bungcayao.
Present by conference call: Commissioner Stewart and Kurt Fischer.

Mr. Kurt Fischer, Outside Counsel, and Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney, provided a review on a pending litigation case, outlining potential options and approaches to this case.

The Commissioners reached a consensus to have Mr. Adams continue to work with Mr. Fischer to settle this issue and explore other potential solutions.

At 1:52 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close closed session adjourn.



Jesse L. Bungcayao, Acting Clerk



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

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FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING

Location: Commissioners' Meeting Room

Date: August 28, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Motion By: Commissioner Coates

Seconded By: Commissioner Rucci

Vote to Close Session:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gilbert O. Bowling, III.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amanda Stewart, M.Ed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bobby Rucci	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

General Provisions Article §3--305(b):

(1) To discuss:

(i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or

(ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

(2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals 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 thereto.

(4) To consider a preliminary 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 discussions would constitute a risk to the public or public security, including:

(i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and

(ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.

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- (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, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation 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.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

3-305 (b)(7)(8) Legal Advice/Potential Litigation on one (1) issue

REASON FOR CLOSING: To keep negotiations and approaches confidential.



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

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