

**Regular Meeting of County Commissioners**  
**Wednesday March 16, 2022 (Legislative Day)**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened in hybrid format, virtually and in person, at 4:33 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  
Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

*Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner was absent*

**Call to Order/Pledge**

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Bowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Bowling, Coates, Rucci and Collins were present.

*\*Commissioner Stewart was not present*

**Comments**

There were no comments.

**Closed Session**

At 4:35 p.m., Commissioner Rucci made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Bowling, Coates and Collin 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)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to conduct interviews for one (1) Boards and Commissions vacancy. The reason for going into closed is to keep personnel information confidential. *\*Commissioner Stewart was not present for the vote.*

**Summary Closed Session Items**

At 4:35 p.m. the Commissioners went into virtual closed session.

**3-305 (b)(1) Boards, Commissions, and Committees Interviews**

Present: Commissioners Collins, Rucci, Bowling, Coates, Wes Adams, Carol DeSoto, Deborah Hall.


The Commissioners conducted interviews with five (5) applicants for vacancies on the Police Accountability Review Board

*\*At 5:48 p.m. Commissioner Bowling left session.*

At 6:04 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Rucci, Coates and Collins present, voting in favor to end this close session and adjourn. *\*Commissioners Stewart and Bowling were not present for the vote.*

  
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Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

  
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Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

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**FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING**

Location: Virtual- MS Teams/Limited In-person

Date: March 16, 2022

Time: 4:35 p.m.

Motion By: Commissioner Rucci

Seconded By: Commissioner Bowling

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)(1) Personnel: Conduct Interviews for One (1) County Boards and Commissions Vacancies**

REASON FOR CLOSING: Keep personnel information confidential.



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Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

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