

**Regular Meeting of County Commissioners**  
**Wednesday May 17, 2023 (Legislative Day)**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was convened in hybrid format, virtually and in person, at 11:07 a.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner  
Ralph Patterson, II, M.A., Vice President, County Commissioner  
Gilbert O. Bowling, III, County Commissioner  
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner  
Deborah Hall, Deputy County Administrator  
Wes Adams, County Attorney  
Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

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

**Call to Order/Pledge**

Commissioner Bowling called the meeting to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

A roll call was taken. Commissioners Bowling, Coates and Patterson were present. *\*Commissioners Stewart and Collins were not present.*

**Closed Session**

At 11:08 a.m., motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed with Commissioners Bowling, Coates, and Patterson 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 the Charter Board. The reason for moving into closed session is to keep personnel information confidential. *\*Commissioners Stewart and Collins were not present for the vote.*

**Summary Closed Session Items**

At 11:12 a.m. the Commissioners went into closed session.

**3-305(b)(1) Personnel- Interviews for Charter Board**

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

*\*At about 11:27 a.m. Commissioner Collins joined the session.*

*\*At about 12:01 p.m. Commissioner Collins left closed session.*

*\*Break 12:31 p.m.- 1:36 p.m.*

*\*Break 2:46 p.m.- 2:58 p.m.*

*\*At about 3:16 p.m. Commissioner Bowling left session.*

*\*Break 4:02 p.m.- 5:49 p.m.*

The Commissioners interviewed seventeen (17) applicants for the Charter Board.

At 6:01 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with Commissioners Coates, Patterson, and Collins present, voting in favor to end this closed session and Adjourn.

*\*Commissioners Bowling and Stewart 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