PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT") UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)

This form has two sides. ***Complete items 1 – 4 before closing the meeting.***

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 11/18/2026; Time: ~~10:00 a.m.~~ 11:00 AM
Location: 1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore and Remote Meeting on Google Hangouts;
Motion to close meeting made by:
Members in favor: 6 Opposed: ____; Abstaining: ____; Absent: 1

2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(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; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; **(2)X** "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter 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 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) X** "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; **(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 discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; **(11)** **X** __ "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, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating 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." **(15)**___ "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

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3. **For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.**

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) (2)	Review and approve October 28, 2026 meeting minutes	To protect the privacy or reputation of license holders
§3-305(b) (7) §3-305(b) (2)	Violations	To protect the privacy or reputation of license holders and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice
§3-305(b) (7) §3-305(b) (2)	Violations Update	To protect the privacy or reputation of license holders and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice
§3-305(b) (11)	Apprentice Water Conditioner Exam Review	To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination

4. **This statement is made by Lisa Blanchet** Lisa Blanchet **and Amanda Redmiles** Amanda R Redmiles.

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WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)

➢ **For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:**

Time of closed session:
Place: 1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore and Remote Meeting on Google Hangouts
Purpose(s):
Members who voted to meet in closed session:
Persons attending closed session:
Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session:
Topics actually discussed:
Actions taken:
Each recorded vote: Vote of YES-; Vote of NO-; Vote Abstained -

➢ **For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104)**:

Time:_____
Place:_____
Persons present: _____
Subjects discussed: _____