

**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: 2/19/26; Time: 12:00PM;**

Location: <u>Remote Meeting on Google Meet</u> ; meet.google.com/xdf-bkad-vvo
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Motion to close meeting made by: \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_;  
Members in favor: 10; Opposed: 0; Abstaining: \_\_; Absent: \_\_

**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) X “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) \_\_\_ “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) \_\_\_ “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

4. This statement is made by \_\_\_\_\_ Benjamin Thompson / \_\_\_\_\_ J. Martin Fuhr,  
**Presiding Officer.**

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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: Google Hangouts Meeting (remote) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 NO- \_\_\_\_\_; Vote Abstained-

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

Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
Persons present: \_\_\_\_\_  
Subjects discussed: \_\_\_\_\_