

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
 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:

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting: Date: 1/21/2021 Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Name	Motion by	Second	In Favor	Opposed	Abstain	Absent
Stewart			x			
Kovar	x		x			
Dyballa						x
Kostiuk		x	x			
Seamens			x			
Smith						x
Searcy			x			

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)**___ “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)**~~xx~~ “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.”

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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) (7)	Government operations	Legal advice regarding the council's procedures related to the Maryland Public Information Act, Open Meetings Act, Council/Manager Form of Government.
§3-305(b) ()		

4. This statement is made by Kate Stewart, Presiding Officer.


