

**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: 9/18/17; Time: 10:45 am; Location: Department of Budget and Management, 45 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD; Motion to close meeting made by: Tony McCann Seconded by Sastry Dhara; Members in favor: Susie Comer; K. Singh Taneja; Ben Steffen; Dennis Schrader, Sastry Dhara, Tony McCann; Michelle Gourdine; Opposed: None; Abstaining: None; Absent: Al Redmer.

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) 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."

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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 |
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| §3-305(b) (7) | Requested legal advice regarding grant award process; and appeal rights. | This discussion is closed to protect attorney-client privilege for advice of counsel regarding legal opinion in handling/awarding grants |
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4. This statement is made by Dennis Schrader, Presiding Officer.


Signature of Presiding Officer
