

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING  
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Date: January 21, 2026 Time: 7:13pm Location: Conference Center (E126)

Motion to close meeting made by: Vice Chair Kimberlin

	IN FAVOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAINING	ABSENT
Theodore Luck, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Carolyn Kimberlin, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Jan Gardner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Carmen Hernandez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Tracey McPherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
William Reid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Myrna Whitworth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (check all that apply):**

- ☒ (1) To discuss (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;
- ☐ (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of an individual with respect to a matter that is not related to public business;
- ☐ (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition;
- ☐ (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) 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, including information that is: 1. related to passwords, personal identification numbers, access codes, encryption, or other components of the security system of a governmental entity; 2. collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental entity to prevent, detect, or investigate criminal activity; or 3. related to an assessment, made by or for a governmental entity or maintained by a governmental entity, of the vulnerability of a network to criminal activity; or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

**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	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b)(1)	To discuss an update from administration on personnel matters	Maintain confidentiality of personnel matters
§3-305(b)(7) §3-305(b)(9)	To obtain legal advice related to collective bargaining strategy and potential positions	Attorney-client privilege/collective bargaining
§3-305(b)(10)	To discuss changes in Public Safety operations	Public discussion of specific security measures and plans would constitute a risk to public security
§3-305(b)(13)	Review and approval of closed session minutes from October 15, 2025 pursuant to §3-306(c)(3)(ii)	Minutes of a closed session shall be sealed and may not be open to public inspection

This statement is made by Theodore Luck, Presiding Officer:

SIGNATURE