

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

This form has two pages. Complete items 1 – 4:

**1. Recorded vote to close the meeting:**

Date: Oct. 30, 2024; Time: 1:21 PM; Location: Teleconference;

Motion to close meeting made by: Sheila Curry; Seconded by: Dr. Amy Burk;

Members in favor: 10; Opposed: --; Abstaining: 1.

**2. Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply):**

**The November 18, 2024 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)**  "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) (1)	To discuss the appointment, employment of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; other personnel matters that affect one or more specific individuals.	To consider the appointment, employment of the Executive Director for the Maryland Horse Industry Board due to the retirement of the Ross Peddicord as the current Executive Director.

**4. This statement is made by Sheila Curry, Presiding Officer.**

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**WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION THAT MUST BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING**

Time of closed session: 11/18/24 at 3:30 PM Place: Teleconference

Purpose(s): Discuss employment of new MHIB Exec. Dir.

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Sheila Curry, Dr.Amy Burk, Connie Sawyer, Neil Agate, Dr. Justin Sobota, Lisa Watts, Erin Ochoa, Jenile Tapscott, Jennifer Sulin, Jay Griswold

Persons attending closed session: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: **§3-305(b) (1)**

Topics actually discussed: To consider the appointment, employment of the Executive Director for the Maryland Horse Industry Board due to the retirement of the Ross Peddicord as the current Executive Director

Actions taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Each recorded vote: \_\_\_\_\_