

**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: **2/5/2019**; Time: **7:19 PM**; Location: **Edmonston Town Hall, 5005 52nd Avenue, Edmonston, MD 20781**;
Motion to close meeting made by: **Council Member Johnson** Seconded by **Council Member Layne Bee**;
Members in favor: **Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee**; Opposed:
_____ ; Abstaining: _____ ;

- 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) ___** “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
§3-305(b) (1)	Town Attorney Services	Select a Town Attorney
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4. This statement is made by Tracy Gant, Mayor, Presiding Officer.

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: 7:19 p.m.

Place: Edmonston Town Hall, 5005 52nd Avenue, Edmonston, MD 20781

Purpose(s): Select a Town Attorney

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee

Persons attending closed session: Mayor Gant, Council Members: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White and Layne Bee, and Town Administrator Rod Barnes .

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

Topics actually discussed: Selection of a Town Attorney.

Action Taken: Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Turberville to continue with Suellen Ferguson as the Town Attorney and to revisit it in a year from February 5th.

Each recorded vote: Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Gant, Nays: Bennett-White, Layne Bee

The Council will meet with Suellen in a Work Session on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 pm. to discuss expectations for the coming year.

Council Member Layne Bee moved, seconded by Council Member Johnston to adjourn the closed session at 7:55 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Turberville, Bennett-White, Layne Bee.

(Form Rev.10/1/2018)