

Written Statement for Closing a Meeting (“Closing Statement”)

Date: October 6, 2021

A. Pursuant to Section 3-305(b) and (d) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, I move to adjourn this open session to a closed session only:

- 3. “To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;” and
- 13. “To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.”

B. For each provision checked above, the topic to be discussed and the reason for discussing that topic in closed session is provided below.

Statutory Citation	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion
§3-305(b)(3)	The possible acquisition of real property (a single-family home) located in Gaithersburg, Maryland via a purchase and sale agreement.	The meeting must be closed to the public in order to protect HOC’s bargaining power. Public discussion of this matter could result in less favorable pricing and/or HOC not being able to acquire the property.
§3-305(b)(13)	The confidential commercial and financial terms of HOC’s potential purchase of the above referenced acquisition, and the confidential commercial and financial information of HOC’s development partner that concern its potential acquisition and financing of the above referenced property.	Section 4-335 of the Maryland Public Information Act prevents disclosure of confidential commercial or financial information obtained from a third-party. The meeting must be closed to the public in order to protect confidential commercial and financial information provided to HOC from its financial partners. The meeting must also be closed in order to protect the confidential commercial and financial information provided to HOC from its private development partner concerning its assets, liabilities, and ability to purchase real property. All such information to be discussed is customarily and actually treated as private by HOC’s financial partners and its development partner, and has been provided to HOC under an assurance of privacy.

C. This statement is made by Roy Priest, Chair.

D. Recorded vote to close the meeting:

- Date: October 6, 2021 Time: 5:24 p.m. Location: Zoom (LiveStream on YouTube)
- Motion to close meeting made by: Richard Y. Nelson, Chair Pro Tem
- Motion seconded by: Frances Kelleher, Vice Chair
- Commissioners in favor: Roy Priest, Frances Kelleher, Richard Y. Nelson, Jr., Pamela Byrd, Linda Croom, and Jeffrey Merkowitz
- Commissioners opposed: None
- Commissioners abstaining: None
- Commissioners absent: Jackie Simon

Officer’s Signature: 