MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT") UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting.

Date: September 27, 2022

Time: 4:20 pm

Location: 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Motion to close meeting made by: Ms. Morrow

Seconded by: Dr. Wilcox Members in favor: 12

Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 2

- 2. The meeting was closed under authority of Section 3-305(b) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (check all provisions that apply). This meeting will be closed under General Provision Art. § 3-305(b) only.
 - 1. To discuss: (i) 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; or (ii) 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.
- 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 to topic
§3-305(b)(7)	Legal Advice	5 appeals and one draft opinion
§3-305(b)(13)	FY 2024 Budget	Review FY 2024 Budget Estimates and Requests

4. This statement is made by Clarence Crawford, Presiding Officer.