



Howard County Council

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District 2

Christiana Rigby
District 3

David Yungmann
District 5

Special Meeting to Hold Closed Session
Monday, December 4, 2023
10:30 a.m.
George Howard Building, Banneker Room

Minutes Approved

The Chairperson opened the meeting at **10:35 a.m.**

Councilmembers present: Christiana Rigby, Chairperson; Deb Jung, Vice Chairperson; Opel Jones; Liz Walsh; and David Yungmann.

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Jamar Herry, Assistant County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; and Craig Glendenning, County Auditor.

Christiana Rigby moved to approve that the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to discuss a personnel matter and to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice. The topics are appointment, assignment, discipline, removal, and performance of one or more specific employees and legal advice from counsel regarding that personnel matter. Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, and Walsh. Nay: Council Member Yungmann. The motion to close the meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland passed.

The Council moved from the Banneker Room to the C. V. Gray Room to meet in closed session.

The Chairperson announced that the closed session ended at **11:30 a.m.**

The special meeting concluded at **11:30 a.m.**

Statement of Closed Session

As required by Section 3-306(c)(2), of the *General Provisions* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the following is a report of the County Council's closed session of December 4, 2023. The County Council met in closed session at 10:35 p.m. on December 4, 2023, in the Council C. V. Gray Room, pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the *General Provisions* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to discuss a personnel matter and to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice. The topics are appointment, assignment, discipline, removal, and performance of one or more specific employees and legal advice from counsel regarding that personnel matter.

The topics actually discussed were removal of an employee; appointment of an acting employee; and obtaining legal advice from counsel regarding these personnel matters.

Actions taken during the closed session were as follows:

Council Member Rigby moved to remove an employee from their position. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove an employee from their position was: Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jung, and Yungmann. The motion to remove an employee from their position passed.

Council Member Rigby moved to appoint an acting employee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to appoint an acting employee was: Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Walsh and Yungmann. Abstain: Council Member Jung. The motion to appoint an acting employee passed.

The following persons were present at the closed session:

Councilmembers present: Christiana Rigby, Chairperson; Deb Jung, Vice Chairperson; Opel Jones; Liz Walsh; and David Yungmann.

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; and Jamar Herry, Assistant County Solicitor.

The closed session concluded at 11:30 a.m.