



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Boafo, Esteve, Gardner, Harrison, Ndebumadu and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, and City Clerk Hernandez.

### ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo moved to adjourn the Special City Council meeting and move to Close Session Statutory Authority to Close Session, State Government Article, §3-305(b)(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. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk

**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: 12/18/19; Time: 5:00pm; Location: CH 182;  
Motion to close meeting made by: Boato; Seconded by Gardner;  
Members in favor: Eske, Woolfley, Boato, Adams, Gardner; Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_;  
Abstaining: Harrison, Ndeburuadu; Absent: \_\_\_\_\_.

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)	Lobbyist Interview	Interview lobbyist proposals
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4. This statement is made by *Janeth J. Adams*, Presiding Officer.

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**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: 5:08 PM  
 Place: Bowie City Council Chambers  
 Purpose(s): (1) Conduct Lobbyist Interviews  
 Members who voted to meet in closed session: Deafo Esteve Adams Woolfley Gardner  
 Persons attending closed session: Adams Gardner Harrison Esteve Woolfley Deafo Ndebumaku Lott Mears  
 Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: (1) Discuss employment  
 Topics actually discussed: Lobbyist interviews  
 Actions taken: Direct staff to prepare agreement with Venable  
 Each recorded vote: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104): Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Persons present: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subjects discussed: \_\_\_\_\_