Written Statement for Closing a Meeting ("**Closing Statement**")
Date: February 19, 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. **_X__** "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;" and

13. **_X__** "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 acquisition of real property located in southern Montgomery County and related matters.	The meeting must be closed to the public in order to protect HOC's bargaining power. Public discussion of this item could harm HOC's negotiations and potentially result in HOC not being able to acquire the property.
§3-305(b)(13)	Confidential commercial and financial information related to an acquisition of real property located in southern Montgomery County.	The Maryland Public Information Act prevents disclosure of confidential commercial and financial information obtained from a third-party. The meeting must be closed to the public in order to protect (1) confidential commercial information provided to HOC from a private party in connection with the acquisition of real property in southern Montgomery County, and (2) confidential financial information provided to HOC from private financial partners in connection with the acquisition of real property in southern Montgomery County. The information to be discussed is customarily and actually treated as confidential by the third-parties and has been provided to HOC under assurances of privacy.

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

D. Recorded vote to close the meeting:

- Date: February 19, 2021 Time: 12:21 p.m. Location: Zoom (Livestream on YouTube)
- Motion to close meeting made by: Roy Priest, Chair
- Motion seconded by: Richard Y. Nelson, Chair Pro Tem
- Commissioners in favor: Commissioners Priest, Kelleher, Nelson, Merkowitz, and Simon
- Commissioners opposed: _____
- Commissioners abstaining: _____
- Commissioners absent: Commissioners Byrd and Croom

Officer's Signature: Roy O. Priest

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