

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

Date: October 5, 2022

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:

- 7.  “To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice”;
- 8.  “To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation”; 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)(7)	Obtaining legal advice from legal counsel about ongoing litigation impacting Westwood Tower Apartments.	The meeting must be closed to the public in order to protect HOC’s attorney-client privilege.
§3-305(b)(8)	Discussing ongoing litigation impacting Westwood Tower Apartments with staff.	The meeting must be closed to protect HOC’s interests in the ongoing litigation.
§3-305(b)(13)	Discussing information that is subject to attorney-client privilege.	Section 4-301(a)(1) of the Maryland Public Information Act prevents disclosure of information if, by law, the information is privileged or confidential. The meeting must be closed to protect HOC’s attorney-client privilege.

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

D. Recorded vote to close the meeting:

- Date: October 5, 2022 Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: Zoom (LiveStream on YouTube)
- Motion to close meeting made by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Motion seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Commissioners in favor: \_\_\_\_\_
- Commissioners opposed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Commissioners abstaining: \_\_\_\_\_
- Commissioners absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Officer’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_