



TOPIC: Convening Closed Session

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: June 19, 2012

SUMMARY: The Open Meetings Act permits public bodies to close their meetings to the public in special circumstances outlined in State Government Article §10-508(a) of the Act. The Finance Committee will convene in closed session today to discuss issues specifically exempted in the Act from the requirement for public consideration. These matters include a real property transaction and a contract(s) that has not yet been awarded.

As required by law, the vote on the closing of the session will be recorded. In addition, a written statement of the reason for closing the meeting, including a citation of the authority under §10-508(a) and a listing of the topics to be discussed, is attached.

ALTERNATIVE(S): There is no alternative proposed.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee on Finance adjourn the open session to reconvene in closed session under §10-508(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

DATE:

BOARD ACTION:

DATE:

SUBMITTED BY: Joseph F. Vivona (301) 445-1923



**STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSING A MEETING
OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
OF THE USM BOARD OF REGENTS**

Date: June 19, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Bowie State University
Motion by: Senator Kelly
Seconded by:

Board members:

Vote to close session:

- Unanimous
 Abstain _____
 Nay _____

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE A SESSION
State Government Article §10-508(a):**

- (1) To discuss:
- (i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or
 - (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
- (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is 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 preliminary 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 on a legal matter.
- (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 discussions would constitute a risk to the public or 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) [x] Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation 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.
- [] Administrative matters.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED: Institutional real property transaction in the City of Baltimore and recommended computer hardware contract(s) that have not yet been awarded.

REASON FOR CLOSING: To discuss and make recommendations to the Board on item(s) checked above.