



TOPIC: Convening Closed Session

COMMITTEE: Finance

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: October 9, 2014

SUMMARY: The Open Meetings Act permits public bodies to close their meetings to the public in special circumstances outlined in Subtitle 5, section §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.

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 at this time, including a citation of the authority under §10-508(a) and a listing of the topics to be discussed, is attached.

From time to time, it is possible that an issue could arise during a closed session that the Finance Committee determines should be discussed in open session or added to the closed session agenda for discussion. In that event, the Committee would reconvene in open session to discuss the open session topic or to vote to reconvene in closed session to discuss the closed session topic.

ALTERNATIVE(S): No alternative is suggested.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: The Chancellor recommends that the Committee on Finance vote to convene in closed session.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

DATE:

BOARD ACTION:

DATE:

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

Date: October 9, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: UMB

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) [] 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.
- (15) [] Administrative matters.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED: The acquisition of real property in Princess Anne.

REASON FOR CLOSING: To review and discuss items permitted to be discussed in closed session by §10-508 and to carry out administrative functions.