

COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

Health Officer Search Committee Minutes

September 20, 2022 - 8:45 a.m. Open Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Council President Vincenti called the meeting to order at 8:48AM. Committee members in attendance were Council President Patrick Vincenti, Councilman Robert Wagner, Councilman Andre Johnson, Dr. Russell Moy, Paul Lawder, Mary Nasuta, and Bari Klein. Tiffany Stephens and Charles Kearney, Council Attorney were also in attendance. No members of the public were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Council President Vincenti asked for a motion to approve the Open Session minutes from the September 7, 2022 meeting. Councilman Wagner made the motion and Councilman Johnson provided the second. All committee members in attendance approved of the minutes as presented.

3. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

- a. Council President Vincenti asked for a motion to close the meeting and Councilman Wagner made the motion with a second by Councilman Johnson.
- b. Council President Vincenti read the Statement of Reason for closing a portion of the meeting of the Harford County Health Officer Search Committee which is incorporated in these minutes. He indicated that the committee did not plan to reconvene back into Open Session. Council Attorney, Charles Kearney, conducted a roll call vote and the 6 committee members present voted in favor to close the session. Three members, Dr. Katherine Feldman, Bari Klein and Vicki Jones were absent.

The Open Session of the committee concluded and adjourned at 8:51AM.

4. CLOSED SESSION

- a. The committee convened in Closed Session in the 2nd floor multipurpose room at 9:15AM, with Tiffany Stephens attending as the Director of HR for Harford County. All committee members who were present during the Open Session, attended the Closed Session and Dr. Feldman, Vicki Jones and Bari Klein attended virtually.
- b. The committee conducted two candidate interviews and discussed their thoughts on all interviews thus far.
- c. The Closed Session ended at 11:30AM.

5. ADJOURNMENT

a. The Open Meeting of the Harford County Health Officer Search Committee adjourned at 8:51AM.

PROCEDURE TO CLOSE THE MEETING

I propose the Committee go into closed session since this is a personnel matter. It would be inappropriate to review the applications and any letters of recommendation and background checks and interview candidates in public pursuant to Sections 3-305 (b)(1) and (b)(13) of the General Provisions Article and also Sections 4-310 and 311 of the General Provisions Article for the reason that the public interview and discussion of candidates could disclosure confidential protected information and also discourage individuals from accepting the offer to be interviewed for the position and the General Provisions Article Sections 4-310 and 311 require the shielding of employment applications and letter of recommendation.

Request a motion to go into closed session. After the second, you need a roll call vote on the motion to adjourn to closed session.

After the vote, assuming it is affirmative, read the following statement:

"Copies of the written statement of the reasons for closing this meeting will be made available to anyone who wants one now.

The Committee **<u>DOES NOT Plan</u>** to return to open session following the completion of the closed session.

And now the Health Officer Search Committee will go into closed session under sections §3-305 (b), 4-310 and 4-311 of the General Provisions Article.

Patrick S. Vincenti

Chair

Harford County Health Officer Search Committee