



**Juvenile Services Education Program Board Meeting - Virtual**

December 1, 2021

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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**MINUTES**

**Members and Guests in Attendance:**

Sec. Sam Abed - DJS	Dr. James Fielder - MHEC
Sup. Mohammed Choudhury	Sharon Merriweather- Attorney General's Designee
Dr. Monica Goldson	Dr. Tracey L. Durant
Dr. Peter Leone	Dr. Bernard Sadusky
Dr. Catherine Gammage	Mrs. Grace Reusing
Mr. Richard Stevenson	Mr. Nick Moroney, JJMU

- I. Welcome and Introductions                      Chairwoman Grace Reusing
- II. Minutes approved by acclamation, motion by Dr. Gammage, Seconded by Secretary Fielder
- III. Public Comment Period - Dr. Judith Boyd
- IV. Executive Director Report & Updates              Cory Fink
  - Summarized activities that had taken place since the last board meeting,
    - Reviewed the Superintendent hiring process
    - State Ethics Commission notified all in compliance with submissions
    - Facility visit to Noyes

- Choice Program meetings to discuss Serve-Safe and barista certification with potential job placement. Possible presentation after the new year
- Contracts received from MSDE, internal review by DJS staff, agenda action item in January
- PowerSchool® presentation to DJS IT and Research Units, follow up presentation on front end and back end systems to take place
- Board Report being reviewed by DBM before submission to the General Assembly

**V. Old Business**

- **None**

**VI. New Business**

Motion by Dr. Durant to move into closed executive session, seconded by Secretary Fielder in accordance with General Provisions Article §3-305(b)1 "to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals" (see attached documentation)

**V. Comments and Announcements**

- Secretary Sam Abed in response to the Public Comment updated the Board on the DJS facility realignment plan which is a staged plan that will take up to 5 years to complete. Waxter's Girls Detention Center to close in early 2022 with girls transferring to Noyes. Plans include a new female detention center wing as part of the Cheltenham Complex, once completed, Noyes will be closed. Construct a new co-ed staff secure treatment program on the grounds of Cheltenham which would result in the closure of Mountain View and Green Ridge. The realignment is consistent with DJS long term strategy to bring youth closer to their families, and reduce the overall facility footprint, leverage resources, and increase the professional workforce pool of applicants.
- Chair Reusing informed the public that there would be two additional special meetings scheduled for Wednesday, December 8th and Thursday, December 9th for the purpose of going into closed executive session to continue Superintendent interviews.

**VI. Adjournment – motion to adjourn by Dr. Durant, seconded by Dr. Gammage**

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**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT")  
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)  
with instructions**

**Instructions to presiding officer:** To meet in a closed session under the Act, the public body must first meet in open session, after providing proper notice. Make sure that the open session is attended by a member designated to receive open meetings training. If a designated member cannot attend, complete the Compliance Checklist.<sup>1</sup> If the public body has never designated a member for training, it must do so before closing the session.

*Before* closing the session, take two steps: (1) conduct a recorded vote on a motion to close; and (2) make a written "closing" statement. If the public body might return to open session afterwards, be sure to tell the public that. *During* the closed session, keep the discussion topics within the confines of the closing statement. *After* the closed session, the events of the closed session must be disclosed in the next open-session minutes.

The top part of this form is a model closing statement. It has two sides. Before closing the open session, complete items 1 through 4 on this form or in any writing with the same information. If someone pre-prepared the form for you, make sure it reflects the public body's own intended topics and reasons for closing the meeting. A member of the public may inspect the closing statement at the time of the closing and may object to the decision to close the meeting. Once the meeting is closed, the closing statement sets the agenda and may not be changed.

The bottom part of the form is a worksheet that provides a checklist of the disclosures that must be made in the next open-session minutes. The worksheet is not part of the closing statement.

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting: Date: 12/1/14; Time: 9:20; Location: Virtual;  
Motion to close meeting made by: Durant; Seconded by: Fitcher;  
Members in favor: all; Opposed: none;  
Abstaining: N/A; Absent: N/A

**2. Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply):**

**This meeting will only be closed under the provision or provisions checked below, all from General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b):**

- (1)  "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2)  "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter 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 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"; (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 discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to 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

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/OpenGov%20Documents/Openmeetings/COMPLIANCE\\_CHECKLIST%20.pdf](http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/OpenGov%20Documents/Openmeetings/COMPLIANCE_CHECKLIST%20.pdf)

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 negotiating 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)\_\_\_ "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to" (i) "security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology"; (ii) "network security information," such as information that is related to passwords, personal ID numbers, access codes, encryption, security devices, or vulnerability assessments or that a governmental entity collects or maintains to prevent, detect, or investigate criminal activity; or (iii) "deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

3. For each provision checked above, the corresponding topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session, in as much detail as possible without disclosing the information that may be discussed behind closed doors:

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic <i>We expect to discuss these matters:</i>	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic - <i>We are closing the meeting to discuss this topic because:</i>
§ 3-305(b)(1)	Hiring of the JSEP Superintendent	Conducting final interviews of the top applicants and arrive at a recommendation for hiring.
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4. This statement is made by Grace Reusing, Presiding Officer.

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**WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION THAT MUST BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN SESSION (§ 3-306)(c)(2) or § 3-104**

For meetings closed under an exception, as disclosed above:

Time of closed session: 9:30 Place: Virtual

Purpose(s): hiring of JSEP Superintendent

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Reusing, Gammage, Durant, Leone, Fielder, Abed, Choudhury, Stevenson, Merriweather,

Persons attending closed session: Fink, Reusing, Gammage, Goldson, Durant, Leone, Fielder, Abed, Choudhury, Stevenson, Merriweather, Sadusky

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session (see chart above): 3-305(b)(1)

Topics actually discussed: conducting interviews and recommendations for hiring.