

The Wicomico County Council met in a Special Open Session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Government Office Building, Salisbury, Maryland.

In attendance: John T. Cannon, President; Shane Baker, Vice President; Joe Holloway, Josh Hastings, Shanie P. Shields, James Winn, and Jeff Merritt.

Present: Laura Hurley, Council Administrator; Lynn Sande, Executive Office Associate; Andrew C. Mitchell Jr., Council Attorney.

The purpose of the Special Open Session was to entertain a motion to go into a Closed Session.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Ms. Shields, and unanimously approved, the open meeting was adjourned to go into Closed Work Sessions pursuant to the General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(1)(7)(8)(12) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation – Appeal of County Litigation, to protect the County’s legal position; and to conduct and discuss an investigative proceeding on possible criminal conduct and to seek legal advice upon information produced in a personnel matter to protect the County’s legal position.

The Wicomico County Council met in a Closed Work Session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Government Office Building, Salisbury, Maryland.

In attendance: John T. Cannon, President; Shane Baker, Vice President; Joe Holloway, Josh Hastings, Shanie P. Shields, James Winn, and Jeff Merritt.

Present: Laura Hurley, Council Administrator; Lynn Sande, Executive Office Associate; Andrew C. Mitchell Jr., Council Attorney; Paul Wilber, County Attorney, and Ms. Julie Giordano, County Executive.

The purpose of the first Closed Work Session was to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation – Appeal of County Litigation. No formal action or recorded votes were taken.

On motion by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Ms. Shields, and unanimously approved, the first Closed Work Session was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The legal authority for the Closed Work Session is General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(7)(8).

The Wicomico County Council met in a Closed Work Session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. in Council Chambers, Government Office Building, Salisbury, Maryland.

In attendance: John T. Cannon, President; Shane Baker, Vice President; Joe Holloway, Josh Hastings, Shanie P. Shields, James Winn, and Jeff Merritt.

Present: Laura Hurley, Council Administrator; Andrew C. Mitchell Jr., Council Attorney; and Levin Hitchens, Internal Auditor.

The purpose of the second Closed Work Session was to conduct and discuss an investigative proceeding on possible criminal conduct and to seek legal advice upon information produced in a personnel matter to protect the County’s legal position. No formal action or recorded votes were taken.

On motion by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Ms. Shields, and unanimously approved, the second Closed Work Session was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The legal authority for the Closed Work Session is General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(1)(7)(12).

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January 10, 2023**



John T. Cannon, President, At-Large



Shane Baker, Vice President, District 3



James Winn, At-Large

Shanie P. Shields, District 1



Jeff Merritt, District 2

Josh Hastings, District 4



Joe Holloway, District 5



Laura Hurley, Council Administrator