Form of Statement for Closing a Meeting

Location: **Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell Street**
Kensington, Maryland 20895

Date: January 5, 2026
Time: 8:01 am

Vote to go into closed session for the reasons set out below:

Motion By: Council Member Crimmins Seconded By: Council Member Lichter
Vote to Close Session:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Council Member Crimmins	[x]	[ ]	[ ]
Council Member Engle	[x]	[ ]	[ ]
Council Member Lichter	[x]	[ ]	[ ]
Council Member Sparker	[x]	[ ]	[ ]

Other persons present for closed session:
[x] Mayor Tracey Furman [x] Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson
[x] Town Manager Matthew Hoffman [x] Clerk Treasurer Susan Engels
[x] Assistant Town Manager Alex Marini

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

AUTHORITY UNDER STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE §3-305(b) TO CLOSE THIS MEETING. PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

(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 services.

(7) [x] 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 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, 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) [ ] 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 of maintains to prevent, detect, or investigate criminal activity; or (iii) "deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

TOPICS DISCUSSED: Case No. C-15-CV-25-001743 BCTGM v. Town of Kensington

ACTION TAKEN:

Revisions to the draft statement letter to be sent.

VOTE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by: Council Member Crimmins Second by: Council Member Engle
Time adjourned: 9:11 am

Tracey Furman, Mayor
Signature of Presiding Officer

Town Office Record: The Statement of Closing for this meeting was attached to and included in the public minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 14, 2026.

The Confidential minutes for the sealed record were approved by the Council on January 14, 2026.