

For Inclusion in the Open Session Minutes of the Commission's June 23, 2021 Meeting:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to § 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon motion of Commissioner Seurkamp, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, and with unanimous agreement of the Commissioners present, the Maryland Higher Education Commission met in closed session on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, virtually, by video, using GoToMeeting, for the purpose of discussing an administrative appeal. The following Commission members were not present: Senchal Barrolle, Lewis Brown, James Sellinger, and John Yaeger.

In attendance at closed session were Commissioners Andy Smarick, Donna Mitchell, Vivian Boyd, Vera Jackson, Charles McDaniels, Mary Pat Seurkamp, and Sydney Miller; and Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Katz. The Executive Session commenced at approximately 1:05 p.m. At that time, the Commission received legal advice regarding an administrative appeal from Sheffield Institute, with regard to the Secretary's issuance of a notice of deficiencies. The Commission discussed with legal counsel whether to delegate the appeal to the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings and the scope of the delegation. Following consultation and discussion the Commission voted unanimously to transmit the appeal to the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings and to delegate final decision-making authority. The Executive Session ended at approximately 1:30 p.m.