

*For inclusion in the open session minutes of the Commission's June 23, 2021 meeting*

Closed Session Minutes:

On June 23, 2021, during a regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. held online via GoToMeeting, the Maryland Higher Education Commission voted to move into closed session. The closed session was held online via GoToMeeting, through a non-public link separate from that used for the open session portion of the meeting. The purpose of the closed session was to review the Secretary's decision not to approve a substantial modification to a degree program under COMAR 13B.02.03.28. The program was a Doctor of Management with a concentration in Community College Policy and Administration by the University of Maryland Global Campus.

The Commission members who voted in favor of meeting in closed session were: Senchal Barrolle, Vivian Boyd, Vera Jackson, Charles McDaniels, James Sellinger, Mary Pat Seurkamp, Andy Smarick, John Yaeger, and Sydney Miller. Commissioners not in attendance were: Lewis Brown, James Coleman, and Donna Mitchell.

The statutory authorities for closing the session were §§ 3-305 and 3-103 of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Specifically, the session was closed under § 3-103(a) to carry out the administrative function of reviewing a program proposal pursuant to Title 11 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; and under § 3-305(b)(7) to obtain the legal advice of counsel regarding program review.

The topic of discussion at the closed session was the review of the Secretary's decision not to approve the proposed substantial modification to the University of Maryland Global Campus' Doctor of Management under COMAR 13B.02.03.28. The persons present were: Commissioners Senchal Barrolle, Vivian Boyd, Vera Jackson, Charles McDaniels, James Sellinger, Mary Pat Seurkamp, Andy Smarick, John Yaeger, and Sydney Miller; and Assistant Attorney General Soma Kedia. The action taken during closed session was to defer a vote on the program proposal in order to obtain more information from the review participants, and to schedule a special commission meeting to continue discussion and make a final decision regarding the program proposal.