

*Attachment to the Open Session Minutes of the Commission's June 14, 2023 Meeting*

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to §§ 3-301(a) and 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and upon motion of Commissioner McDaniels, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, and with unanimous agreement of the Commissioners present, the Maryland Higher Education Commission met in closed session on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, virtually, by video, using Google Meet, for the purpose of reviewing an academic program proposal pursuant to Title 11 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland and to receive legal advice from counsel regarding academic program review. The following Commission members were not present for the vote: James Sellinger, Craig Williams, Sade Davis, and Lewis Brown. Commissioner Senchal Barolle was present during the motion but due to apparent technical difficulties was unable to vote.

The Executive Session commenced at approximately 2:30 p.m. In attendance at closed session were Commissioners Mary Pat Seurkamp, Vivian Boyd, James Coleman, Ray Serrano, Barbara Kerr Howe, Rebecca Taber, and Charles McDaniels; and Assistant Attorney General Soma Kedia. Senchal Barolle was present for a portion of the session but exited prior to any action being taken. The topic of discussion at the closed session was the Assistant Secretary's decision to deny approval of Towson University's proposed Ph.D. program in business Analytics under COMAR 13B.02.03.28. The Commission also received legal advice on the criteria for program review in COMAR 13B.02.03. The action taken during the closed session was to overturn the Assistant Secretary's decision to deny the proposed degree program. The Closed Session ended at approximately 3:20 p.m.