



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, May 12, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Brady, Estève, Rogers, Truesdale (virtual) and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Clerk Hernandez and Staff.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adjourn the Special City Council meeting and move into closed session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(3): "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; and §3-305(b)(7): "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice". Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.


Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bowie on June 2, 2025.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT")
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

This form has two sides. *Complete items 1 – 4 before closing the meeting.*

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 5-12-25 Time: 8:04; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Wolfley Seconded by Brady;
Members in favor: 411; Opposed: _____;
Abstaining: _____; Absent: Ndeburadu.

2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(1) ☐ "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2) ☐ "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter 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 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 securities"; (7) ☒ "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 discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to 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, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating 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 . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

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3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) ☒ 3	Property Acquisition	
§3-305(b) ☒ 7	Consult with Counsel	
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4. This statement is made by Samuel J. Adams, Presiding Officer.

WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)

- For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:

Time of closed session: 8:11pm

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): (3) (7)

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Adams, Rogers, Brady, Estep, Wood, Fley, Truesdale

Persons attending closed session: Adams, Brady, Rogers, Estep, Wood, Fley, Truesdale, Levan, King, Hall, Lott, Mears, Matthews

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: (3) (7)

Topics actually discussed: Property Acquisition

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

- For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104): Time: _____

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____