

**Administrative Charging Committee
Open Session Minutes
April 22, 2026**

The Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) for Dorchester County convened into Open Session on April 22, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., in Room 110 of the County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613. Present in Room 110 were: Derek Griffin, Chair; Zia Ashraf, Vice Chair; Vaughn Evans; Robert Rowe; and, Cherry Moaney. Also present in Room 110 were Patrick Thomas, Legal Counsel; and Grace Wittig, Executive Assistant.

APPROVAL OF ACC OPEN SESSION MINUTES – CLOSING STATEMENT – January 28, 2026.

Upon motion by Mr. Rowe and seconded by Mr. Evans, the ACC unanimously approved the Open Session minutes and Closing Statement of January 28, 2026.

DISCUSSION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The following law enforcement officers were in attendance:

- Greg McCray, Lieutenant, Cambridge Police Department (CPD)
- John Stichberry, Major, Sheriff's Office
- William Bruce Jones, Chief, Hurlock Police Department (HPD)

In response to Mr. Griffin's inquiries, Lieutenant McCray stated that he has another case to present to the ACC within the upcoming week. He added that CPD has no involvement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), but there was a recent car accident involving an ICE vehicle. CPD handled the accident but had no interaction with the federal agency itself.

Chief Jones stated that HPD has had zero communication or interaction with ICE.

Major Stichberry also added that the Sheriff's Office has not had any communication or interaction with ICE.

Mr. Griffin expressed interest in participating in another ride-along and encouraged other ACC board members to do the same. He also informed the attending law enforcement officers that he would be reaching out to their respective agencies to coordinate additional ride-alongs.

In reference to a fatal police involved shooting in September 2025, Mr. Griffin explained that it was determined through thorough investigation that it was a justified shooting. He added that the Attorney General of Maryland, Independent Investigations Division has decided not to bring charges against the police officer involved.

CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Moaney, the ACC unanimously adjourned into Closed Session at 4:39 p.m. pursuant to §3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; §3-305(b)(13) to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter; and §3-305(b)(7), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

The Written Statement for Closing a Meeting under the Open Meetings Act is attached hereto.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY

The ACC convened into a Closed Session at 4:38 p.m. on April 22, 2026 to discuss the following items pursuant to Title 3 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code §3-305(b)(1), (13) and (7):

1. Discussed complaints filed against a specific law enforcement officer; and,
2. Obtained legal advice from the ACC Counsel regarding the complaints;

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Moaney, the ACC unanimously adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

CLOSING STATEMENT – April 22, 2026

1. Statement of the time, place, and purpose of the closed session:

Time of closed session: 4:39 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Place of closed session: Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland

Purpose of closed session: Pursuant to §3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; §3-305(b)(13) to comply with a

specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter; and, §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

2. Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:

Members voting aye: Griffin, Ashraf, Evans, Moaney, Rowe
 Members opposed: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: None


3. Statutory authority to close session and listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

Topic Description	Statutory Authority	Reason for Closed Session Discussion	Persons Present	Action Taken
To discuss a complaint filed against a specific law enforcement officer	GP § 3-305(b)(1)	Discussion involves specific individual	In person: Griffin, Ashraf, Evans, Moaney, Rowe, Thomas, Wittig	The ACC made a determination on the complaint.
To obtain legal advice from the ACC Counsel regarding the complaint	GP § 3-305(b)(7)	Attorney-client privilege	In person: Griffin, Ashraf, Evans, Moaney, Rowe, Thomas, and Wittig	S/A
To comply with a specific statutory requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter	GP § 3-305(b)(13)	Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 3-104(h) requires that the ACC maintain confidentiality regarding matters considered until final disposition.	In person: Griffin, Ashraf, Evans, Moaney, Rowe, Thomas, Wittig	S/A

ATTEST:


Grace Wittig
Executive Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING
COMMITTEE

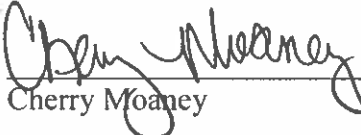


Derek Griffin, Chair

Zia Ashraf, Vice Chair

Vaughn Evans


Robert Rowe



Cherry Moaney

Approved the ___ day of ___ 2026.

**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: April 22, 2016 Time: 4:39 p.m.; Location: 501 Court Lane, Room 110,
Cambridge, MD 21613; Motion to close meeting made by: EVANS Seconded by: Moaney
Members in favor: Griffin, Rowe, Moaney, Ashraf, Evans
Opposed: _____ Abstaining: _____ Absent: _____

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	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) (1)	To discuss a complaint filed against a specific law enforcement officer.	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.
§3-305(b)(13)	Same topic as above	To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.
§3-305(b) (7)	To receive legal advice regarding a complaint filed against a specific law enforcement officer.	To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

4. This statement is made by *Derek Suffin*, 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: _____

Place: _____

Purpose(s): _____

Members who voted to meet in closed session: _____

Persons attending closed session: _____

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: _____

Topics actually discussed: _____

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____