



July 7th, 2025
Martinsville City Council
Special Called,
Emergency Closed Session Meeting Minutes

4pm, Call Open Session to Order -

Martinsville Municipal Building; Room 208

A Special Called, Emergency Closed-Session Meeting was held at Martinsville Municipal Building, on July 23, 2025 at 4 PM.

Council Members participating included Vice Mayor, Kathy Lawson; Julian Mei, and Mayor LC Jones. Council Member Gravely entered at 4:05 PM.

Call Open Session to Order: Mayor Jones called the meeting to order in Room 208 and advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 4 PM. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 2.2 Chapter 37, Freedom of Information Act and upon a motion by Council Member Lawson and seconded by Council Member Mei with the following 3-0 recorded vote: Council Member Mei, aye; Mayor Jones, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

- a. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; In regards to School Board Appointments.

5:30 PM, Return to Open Session and Certification of Closed Session -

Martinsville Municipal Building; Council Chambers

With a Motion by Lawson and Second by Mei, City Council certifies that only those matters permitted by the Code of Virginia Sec. 2.2-3711 and specifically referenced in the motion to enter closed session were discussed during the closed session. Approved with the following 4-0 vote:



Councilman Gravely, aye;
Councilman Mei, aye;
Vice Mayor Lawson, aye;
Mayor Jones, aye.

Council certifies that only business matters under the following:

- a. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; In regards to School Board Appointments.
- b. Vice Mayor Lawson made a motion to Appoint Michael Williamson to the School Board for a term date ending on 06/30/2028 and seconded by Councilman Gravely. Approved with the following vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Mei, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye.
 - i. Vice Mayor Lawson later **rescinded** her motion upon recommendation by legal counsel, seconded by Councilman Mei. Approved with the following vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Mei, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye.

5:30 PM, New Business -

- a. Discuss and Consider a Resolution to Move July 8 Regular Council Meeting to the next Regular Council Meeting Date, July 22nd.
 - i. Approved with a Motion by Vice Mayor Lawson and Second by Julian Mei. Approved with the following vote: Mayor Jones, aye; Councilman Gravely, aye; Councilman Mei, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye.

6PM, Adjournment

- a. Mayor Jones made the motion to adjourn at 6PM.