



November 12, 2025
Martinsville City Council
Special Called Closed Session
Meeting Minutes

Special Called Closed Session City Council Meeting

6:00 PM Council Chambers

Room 226, Municipal Building

A Closed meeting of the City of Martinsville, Virginia's Council, was held on November 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM in Conference Room 226, Martinsville Municipal Building, Martinsville, VA. Council Members participating included Vice Mayor, Kathy Lawson; Julian Mei, Rayshaun Gravely, and Aaron Rawls. Mayor Jones entered at 6:40 PM. Staff present included external legal counsel and representatives from Sands Anderson, internal legal counsel. Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 6:00 PM. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 2.2 Chapter 37, Freedom of Information Act and upon a motion by Council Member Mei and seconded by Council Member Rawls with the following 4-0 recorded vote: Council Member Mei, aye; Council Member Rawls, aye; Vice Mayor Lawson, aye; Council Member Gravely, aye.

Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

- A. A. 2.23711(A7) With regard to a pending employment law claim by a former city employee. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. With regard to consultation with legal counsel concerning threatened or probable litigation involving the City. **This did not occur as the meeting was terminated prematurely due to Conflict of Interest concerns.**



- B. B. 2.2-3711 (A8) Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. **Received advice from legal counsel regarding Virginia's State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act; 2.2-1303 regarding Prohibited Conduct.** Received a status update on the pending financial audit and employment investigation. All members present.

Return to Open Session and Certification of Closed Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

With a Motion by Lawson and Second by Rawls, 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 5-0 vote

- A. Councilman Rawls; aye
- B. Councilman Gravely; aye
- C. Councilman Mei; aye
- D. Vice Mayor Lawson; aye
- E. Mayor Jones; aye

- 1. Take Any Action Necessary as a Result of the Executive Session.
 - a. No Action was Taken
- 2. Adjournment
 - a. Vice Mayor Lawson made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

LC Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Deputy Clerk of Council, City of Martinsville