



**Maryland Economic Development Corporation  
February (Special Session) Board Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Date: February 9, 2026  
Meeting Location: Virtual (MS Teams)**

**Board Members:**

Present: The following board members were in attendance Andy Navarrete, Chairperson; Eric Costello, Vice Chairperson; Scott Dorsey, Emeritus; The Honorable Harry Coker; Jaelyn Hartman (attending on behalf of Kathryn Thomson, Acting Secretary, Department of Transportation); Keasha Haythe; Omar Karim; Dr. Gina Merritt, Vice Chairperson; J. Thomas Sadowski, Jr., Secretary; Jim Soltesz, and Jessica Underwood, Esq.

**Others Present:**

Candace Dodson-Reed, Sarah Horta, April Perry, Wyatt Shiflett, Thierry Adrien (IT Support), David Lyles, and Michael Schollaert (MEDCO Counsel).

**December 15, 2025, Closed Session Summary:** Andy Navarrete, Chairperson, read the written Closing Statement under the following Statutory Exception of the Maryland Open Meetings Act General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(3): “To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.”

Navarrete conducted a recorded vote on a motion to close the session. The motion to close the session was made by Thomas Sadowski, Secretary; seconded by Scott Dorsey, Emeritus; and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors in attendance.

Thus, the December 15, 2025 meeting went into Closed Session at approximately 4:22 pm (EST) in accordance with Maryland Open Meeting Act § 3-305(b) (3) in MEDCO’s Conference room, to discuss confidential information regarding the potential acquisition of two (2) real properties. No vote or action was taken during the CLOSED Session of board meeting.

Board Members present for the closed session included: Andy Navarrete, Chairperson Eric Costello, Vice Chairperson; Dr. Gina Merritt, Vice Chairperson, Scott Dorsey, Emeritus; J. Thomas Sadowski, Jr., Secretary; Jim Soltesz; Andy Fish (attending on behalf of The Honorable Harry Coker, Secretary Maryland Department of Commerce); The Honorable Jessica Fitzwater, Treasurer; Jaelyn Hartman (attending on behalf of Kathryn Thomson, Acting Secretary Department of Transportation); and Keasha Haythe.

All Board members who were present voted to close the meeting

The Meeting did not return to Open Session. The Closed Session ended and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm (EST).



## **February 09, 2026 Board Meeting Proceedings:**

Following the announcement that a quorum was reached for the Special Board Meeting of the MEDCO Board of Directors, the meeting was called to order by Andy Navarrette, Chairperson, on February 9, 2026, 9:15 am (EST). The Special Board meeting was recorded live and is posted on the MEDCO website ([www.medco-corp.com](http://www.medco-corp.com)).

Andy Navarrete, Chairperson, welcomed David Lyles and other attendees to the meeting.

**Meeting called to order at 9:16 am (EST)** by Andy Navarrette, Chairperson, who requested to move into a Closed Session in accordance to the Maryland Open Meeting Act § 3-305(b) (3), (4).

Andy Navarrette, Chairperson, read the written Closing Statement, which requested to close the meeting under the following Statutory Exceptions;

- Exception (3) to consider the acquisition of real properties for a public purpose and matters related thereto.
- Exception (4) to consider a matter that concerns a proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the state.

Therefore, the topics of the Closed Session are the discussion of details regarding the following; proposed acquisition of a real property related to a confidential MEDCO project and the duration of the proposal.

A Motion was made to close session by Jessica Underwood, Esq., The motion was seconded by Scott DorsDorsey. A recorded vote was then taken in which all Board members present approved the motion to close the session.

**The Meeting went into Closed Session at approximately 9:22 am (EST)** in accordance with Maryland Open Meeting Act § 3-305(b) (3), (4).

A resolution was presented to continue with the efforts to acquire the real property discussed under Exception (3) of Maryland Open Meeting Act § 3-305(b) (3), (4) and to develop an LOI to support this effort.

Andy Navarrette, Chairperson, requested a motion to approve. Eric Costello, Vice Chairperson, motioned to approve the Resolution. Omar Karim seconded the motion. Jim Soltesz recused himself from the vote due to potential conflict of interest. Andy Navarrette, Harry Coker, Costello, Scott Dorsey, Keasha Haythe, Omar Karim, Gina Merritt, Jessica Underwood, Tom Sadowski, and Jaclyn Hartman all voted in favor of the Resolution.



The Meeting did NOT return to Open Session and the CLOSED Session meeting ended at approximately 9:45 am (EST).

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