OPEN SESSION MINUTES ABOUT CLOSED SESSION

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Date: **December 15, 2025** Time: **8:30 a.m.** **Special Called- Closed Session**

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL held a special called meeting on Monday, December 15, 2025 in the Council Room of Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC for the purposes of Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged., and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6): to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor C. Michael Sobol called the special meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. The following Council members were in attendance: Mayor C. Michael Sobol, Vice Mayor Archie Pertiller, Council Member Alice Berry, Council Member Doug Hay, and Council Member Ryan Stone. *Council Member Pam King was absent.*

Mayor Sobol stated the purpose of this meeting was for Town Council to meet in closed session.

Council Member Berry made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged., and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6): to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer. A vote of 4-0 in favor.

The Council returned to open session at 9:30 a.m.

Council Member Doug Hay stated the Town Council met to discuss the resignation of the Town Manager, which has begun a forty-five (45) day planning period by the Town Council. Further, Council Member Hay stated the Council is moving toward appointment of an interim Town Manager and exploring possibility of using an executive search firm for a permanent Town manager search.

Council Member Ryan Stone announced the Council would like to call another Special Council Meeting on Friday, December 19, 2025 at 4:30 p.m., at Town Hall, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) to continue discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 9:32 a.m.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk

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