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Public Body Checklist for Entering Into Executive Session

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- Executive session listed as a topic for discussion on meeting notice, including as much detail about the purpose for the executive session as possible without compromising the purpose for which it is called. See G.L. c. 30A, § 20(b); 940 CMR 29.03(1) (b).
- Public body convened in open session first. G.L. c. 30A, § 21(b) (1).
- Chair publicly announced the purpose for executive session, citing one or more of the 10 purposes found at G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a).
- Chair stated all subjects that may be revealed without compromising the purpose for which the executive session was called. G.L. c. 30A, § 21(b) (3). For example, the Chair identified the party a public body may be negotiating with or the litigation matter the public body will be discussing.
- Chair stated whether the public body will adjourn from the executive session, or will reconvene in open session after the executive session. G.L. c. 30A, § 21(b) (4).
- For Executive Session Purposes 3, 6, and 8:
 - Chair publicly stated the having the discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the public body's negotiating position, bargaining position, litigating position, or ability to obtain qualified applicants. G.L. c. 30A, §§ 21(a) (3), (6), (8).
- A majority of members of the body voted by roll-call to enter into executive session. G.L. c. 30A, § 21(b) (2).