

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

Open Session/Public Comment Hearing

October 29, 2007

Minutes

A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on October 29, 2007 in open session at 5:15 p.m., at the Department of Administration, Conference Room A, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the notice of the meeting to all Commissioners and to the public, as required by **RIGL §42-46-6**.

The following Commissioners, constituting a quorum, were present and participated throughout the meeting: Stephen J. Carlotti, Chairperson, William Rampone, Solomon Solomon, Valentino Lombardi, Dennis Coleman, Faye Sanders, Patty Allison Fairweather and C. June Tow.

Commissioners absent: None.

Also present: Heather Correia, Legal Assistant to the Commission.

Mr. Carlotti presided over the meeting and Ms. Correia acted as recording secretary.

Mr. Carlotti welcomed the audience and gave a brief explanation of the voting process. He then opened the floor for public comment and reminded everyone to keep their remarks to five (5) minutes. The following persons were recognized and heard:

Lisa Holley and Christine T. Harkins spoke on behalf of Richard Corley; Judge Rahill and Marc DeSisto spoke on behalf of Margaret Lynch-Gadaleta; Paul Pisano and John Hardman spoke on behalf of Anthony Capraro; David Cooper and Kenneth Vale spoke on behalf of Dawn Huntley, Julie Lynch and Mala Salvatore spoke on behalf of James Donelan; Suzanne Cienki and Mark Mandell spoke on behalf of Henry Monti; and Judge Bucci and Judge Ricci spoke on behalf of Christine Jabour.

Following the testimonies Mr. Carlotti explained that the Commission would convene for a short time in Executive Session to review the public comments and further discuss the qualifications of the applicants. A motion to retire to the JNC office for this purpose was made, seconded and voted on unanimously.

The executive portion of this meeting shall be closed to the public in accordance with RIGL § 42-46-4 in order to discuss matters allowed to be exempt from discussion at open meetings under subdivision (1) of §42-46-5(a), namely, the “job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons.”

The Commission reconvened in open session at 6:40 p.m. in Conference Room A. Upon motion made and seconded, members voted unanimously to seal the minutes of the preceding executive session.

Pursuant to RIGL §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5, as permitted under §42-46-7(c) the minutes of the preceding Executive Session shall be kept closed and sealed.

The Commission members conducted the voting on written ballots. After three rounds of voting, the following five candidates received the required number of votes and their names will be forwarded to Governor Carcieri, in alphabetical order, for his consideration, along with copies of their applications, financial information, background investigative reports and letters of recommendation:

**Anthony Capraro
James Donelan
Christine Jabour
Margaret Lynch-Gadaleta
Henry Monti**

(Copies of the voting records are attached hereto as Exhibit A)

The Commission voted unanimously to cancel the meeting scheduled for November 1, 2007 to select the candidates to be interviewed for the vacancy on Workers' Compensation Court. There are only six applicants and all six will be interviewed.

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made by Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Ms. Sanders, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Correia
Legal Assistant

ROUND 1

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY

DISTRICT COURT - GONNELLA SEAT

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Name	Capraro	Corley	Donelan	Huntley	Jabour	Lynch-Gadaleta	Monti
Carlotti	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Brennan	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Coleman	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Fairweather	✓				✓	✓	✓
Lombardi			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rampone		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sanders	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Solomon		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Tow	✓	✓			✓	✓	
TOTAL	6	3	5	5	8	9	7

ROUND 2

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY

DISTRICT COURT - GONNELLA SEAT

October 29, 2007

Name	Capraro	Corley	Donelan	Hunley	Jabour	Lynch-Gadalela	Monti
Carlotti	✓				✓	✓	✓
Brennan	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Coleman	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Fairweather	✓				✓	✓	✓
Lombardi			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rampone			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sanders	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Solomon			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tow	✓				✓	✓	
TOTAL	6		5	5	8	9	8

ROUND 3

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY

DISTRICT COURT - GONNELLA SEAT

October 29, 2007

Name	Capraro	Corley	Donelan	Huntley	Jabour	Lynch-Gadalela	Monti
Carlotti			✓	✓			
Brennan			✓				
Coleman				✓			
Fairweather							
Lombardi			✓				
Rampone			✓				
Sanders			✓				
Solomon			✓				
Tow				✓			
TOTAL			5	3			