

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

Open Session/Public Comment Hearing

November 13, 2007

Minutes

A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on November 13, 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 and C. June Tow.

Commissioners absent: Patty Allison Fairweather.

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:

Judge McGinn and Judge Darigan, Jr. spoke on behalf of John Martinelli; Judge Erikson and Richard Hazard spoke on behalf of Stephen Isherwood; Magistrate Gugliatta and Randall White spoke on behalf of Alan Goulart; Terry Houlihan and Detective Michael Miguel spoke on behalf of Robert Humphrey, Deputy Chief Paul Kennedy and Gigi Colson spoke on behalf of Laura Pisaturo; John Harpoodian and John Baxter spoke on behalf of Pamela Woodcock Pfeiffer; and Wayne Montague and Dennis Hoyle spoke on behalf of Paul Ragosta.

Following the testimonies Mr. Carlotti explained that the Commission would convene for a short time in Executive Session to review materials contained in the background investigations. 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 Commissioners announced that it would interview all of the applicants for the Workers' Compensation Court vacancy on December 11, 2007 in Conference Room B on the third floor of the Department of Administration Building commencing at 5:15 p.m.

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 two 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:

**Alan Goulart
Stephen Isherwood
John Martinelli
Laura Pisaturo
Paul Ragosta**

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

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made by Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Ms. Sanders, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Correia
Legal Assistant

ROUND 1

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY

DISTRICT COURT - MOORE SEAT

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Name	Goulet	Humphrey	Isherwood	Martinelli	Pisaturo	Woodcock-Pfeiffer	Ragosta
Carlotti	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Brennan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Coleman			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fairweather							
Lombardi			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rampone		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sanders	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Solomon		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Tow	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
TOTAL	4	3	6	8	8	8	8

ROUND 2

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY

DISTRICT COURT - MOORE SEAT

November 13, 2007

Name	Goulart	Humphrey	Isherwood	Martinelli	Pisaturo	Woodbeck-Pfeiffer	Ragosta
Carlotti	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brennan	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Coleman	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Fairweather							
Lombardi			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rampone	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sanders	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Solomon	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tow	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
TOTAL	6		7	8	8	5	6