

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

Open Session/Public Comment Hearing

December 17, 2007

Minutes

A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on December 17, 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.

The minutes for the meeting held on December 11, 2007 were approved and a copy of the open session minutes will be filed with the Rhode Island Secretary of State.

Mr. Carlotti welcomed the audience and gave a brief explanation of the manner in which the meeting would be conducted. 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 Edward Sowa and Frank Lombardi spoke on behalf of Robert Ferrieri; Reverend Michael J. McMahon and Cheryl Merchant spoke on behalf of Thomas Bruzzese; Judge George T. Salem, Jr. and John Harnett spoke on behalf of Michael Feeney; Judge Michael DiChiro and Charles Blackman spoke on behalf of Hagop Jawharjian; and George Muskian and Michael Schwartz spoke on behalf of Tedford Radway.

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 Commission reconvened in open session at 6:27 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.

Mr. Carlotti then explained the voting process. The Commission members conducted the voting on written ballots. After the first round of voting, all 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:

**Thomas Bruzzese
Michael Feeney
Robert Ferrieri
Hagop Jawharjian
Tedford Radway**

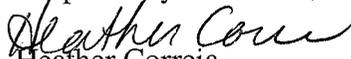
(Copies of the voting records are attached hereto as Exhibit A)

The Commission approved the following schedule in connection with filling the vacancy in the District Court:

January 14, 2007 – Select candidates to be interviewed
January 29, 2007 – Interview Candidates
February 5, 2007 – Public Comment Hearing

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Heather Correia

Legal Assistant

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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY
 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT - ROTONDI, JR. SEAT

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Name	Bruzzese	Feeney	Ferrieri	Jawharjian	Radway
Carlotti	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brennan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coleman	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parvathier					
Lombardi	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rampone	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sanders	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Solomon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tow	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TOTAL	8	8	8	8	8