

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

Open Session

February 10, 2009

Minutes

A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on February 10, 2009, in open session at 5:15 p.m., at the Department of Administration, Second Floor Conference Room, 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, Herbert J. Brennan, Dennis M. Coleman, Valentino Lombardi, Mirlen Martinez Mal, William Rampone, D. Faye Sanders, Solomon A. Solomon and C. June Tow.

Commissioner(s) absent: None.

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 meetings held on July 17, 2008 and January 27, 2009 were approved, respectively, and a copy of the open session minutes will be filed with the Rhode Island Secretary of State.

Mr. Carlotti informed the Commission that he and Ms. Correia will meet with the state archivist sometime in March to discuss a policy relating to the destruction of candidate applications.

A motion to go into executive session was made and seconded by the Commission at 5:20 p.m. to discuss the qualifications of the applicants for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court vacancy (Williams' seat).

This portion of the meeting shall be closed to the public in accordance with RIGL §42-46-4 in order to discuss matters allowed to be exempted 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 returned to open session at 5:35 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to seal the proceeding executive session minutes.

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 selected the following nine individuals to be interviewed for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court vacancy:

Honorable Francis J. Darigan, Jr.

Honorable Francis X. Flaherty

Francis J. Darigan, J

Honorable Maureen McKenna Goldberg

Honorable William P. Robinson, III

Honorable Paul A. Suttell

Robert C. Corrente

Mr. Carlotti explained the Family Court background investigations conducted by the State Police will not be completed until mid-March. For this reason, the Commission agreed to change the date of the public comment hearing from March 10th to March 19th.

The interviews for the Chief Justice vacancy were scheduled for March 24th, beginning at 5:15 p.m. and the public comment hearing on March 31, 2009 starting at 5:15 p.m.

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Correia

Legal Assistant