

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

OPEN SESSION

March 5, 2009

Minutes

A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on March 5, 2009 at 5:15. p.m., in open session 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, Valentino Lombardi, Mirlen Martinez Mal, William Rampone, D. Faye Sanders, Solomon A. Solomon and C. June Tow.

Commissioner(s) absent: Dennis M. Coleman.

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

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

Mr. Carlotti informed the Commission that a reporter from the Providence Journal requested copies of the Letters of Recommendations and Curriculum Vitae in connection with the vacancy of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Mr. Carlotti instructed Ms. Correia to make such copies.

The Commission interviewed the second round of applicants for the vacancy on the Rhode Island Family Court created by the death of Associate Justice Howard I. Lipsey.

Mr. Carlotti explained the interviewing process to each applicant and that each Commissioner would be asking one or more questions. He then invited each applicant to make a brief statement as to why they were applying for the judgeship.

The following individuals were interviewed: Patricia K. Asquith, Karen Lynch Bernard, John E. McCann and Alton W. Wiley.

A motion to go into executive session was made and seconded by the Commission at 6:20 p.m.

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 6:30 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to unseal the 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 made part of the public proceedings of the Commission.

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Legal Assistant