

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

Open Session

December 15, 2009

Minutes

A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 in open session at 5:15 p.m., at the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Second Floor, Conference Room C, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the notice of the meeting to all of the Commissioners and to the public, as required by RIGL §45-46-6.

The following Commissioners, constituting a quorum, were present and participated throughout the meeting: Herbert J. Brennan, Chairperson, Dennis M. Coleman, Jeffrey M. Grybowski, Norman L. Landroche, Jr., Mirlen A. Martinez Mal, D. Faye Sanders, Robert M. Silva and C. June Tow.

Commissioners absent: None.

Also present: Eneida Diaz, Legal Assistant to the Commission.

Dr. Brennan presided over the meeting and Ms. Diaz acted as recording secretary.

Dr. Brennan made a motion to approve minutes from November 9, 2009, November 10, 2009 and November 17, 2009 meetings. The motion was seconded and carried and the minutes were accepted as recorded.

Dr. Brennan then reviewed recent correspondence received by the commission from Senator Metts requesting the commission's annual report regarding minority applicants.

A motion was then made, seconded and unanimously carried at 5:25 p.m. to go into executive session to speak with applicant Richard Corley about information in his Rhode Island State Police background check.

This portion of the meeting shall be closed to the public in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 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 5:45 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and carried to seal the executive session minutes.

The following individuals were interviewed for the Associate Justice vacancy on the Superior

Court: Richard K. Corley, Jeffrey J. Greer, Eva Marie Mancuso, Paul D. Ragosta, Albert R. Romano, Brian Van Couyghen and J. Patrick Youngs III.

Following each interview, Dr. Brennan informed the applicant that the public hearing will be held on December 17, 2009, in Conference Room A on the Second Floor of the Department of Administration building. He encouraged the applicants to have their witnesses explain why he or she should be nominated by the Commission to the Governor.

At 7:45 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner D. Faye Sanders and was seconded and unanimously carried, to go into executive session to speak with applicant Albert R. Romano about information in his Rhode Island State Police background check.

This portion of the meeting shall be closed to the public in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 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 7:55 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and carried to seal the executive session minutes.

Interviews were concluded at 8:28 p.m. and there being no further business in open session, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eneida Diaz
Legal Assistant