

## JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

### Open Session

July 12, 2010

Minutes

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A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on July 12, 2010 in open session at 5:15 p.m., at the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Second Floor Conference Room B, 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(c).

The following Commissioners, constituting a quorum, were present and participated throughout the meeting: Herbert J. Brennan, D.O., Chairperson, Dennis M. Coleman, Jeffrey M. Grybowski, Norman L. Landroche, Jr., Mirlen A. Martinez Mal, Richard M. McAuliffe, Jr., 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 called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and announced the first order of business to be the discussion regarding the qualifications of the applicants for the Family Court Chief Judge vacancy.

At 5:22 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Silva, seconded by Commissioner Coleman and unanimously passed to enter into Executive Session.

**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 5:51 p.m. A motion was made by Dr. Brennan and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to seal the executive minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

The following individuals were selected to be interviewed during the Commission’s executive session:

Associate Justice Michael B. Forte

Acting Chief Judge Haiganush R. Bedrosian  
Associate Justice Kathleen A. Voecola  
Associate Justice Stephen J. Capineri  
Associate Justice John E. McCann, III  
Associate Justice Lauren D'Ambra

The interviews were scheduled for August 10, 2010, beginning at 5:15 p.m. and the public comment hearing on August 17, 2010, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

The following individuals were then interviewed for the District Court Associate Justice vacancies: Joseph Montalbano, Sarah Taft-Carter, William Trezvant and Harris Weiner.

Following each interview Dr. Brennan informed the applicant that the public comment hearing will be held on August 4, 2010 in Conference Room A on the Second Floor. He encouraged the applicants to have their witnesses explain why he or she should be nominated by the Commission to the Governor.

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Encida Diaz  
Legal Assistant