

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

Open Session

September 16, 2010

Minutes

A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on September 16, 2010 in open session at 5:15 p.m., at the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Third Floor Conference Room 2, 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, Jeffrey M. Grybowski, Norman L. Landroche, Jr., Mirlen A. Martinez Mal, Richard M. McAuliffe, Jr., D. Faye Sanders, and C. June Tow.

Commissioners absent: Robert M. Silva was absent due to recusal.

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

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

Dr. Brennan announced the term expiration and official resignation of Commissioner Dennis M. Coleman.

Dr. Brennan informed the Commission of the second invitation from the Roger Williams University School of Law to conduct open session meetings on their campus. Dr. Brennan indicated the gesture could provide more access and transparency to the judicial selection process. Discussion was held by the commission and it was decided interviews and public comment hearings for the District Court Associate Justice vacancy, created by the retirement of Stephen P. Erickson, would be conducted at the Law School.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Dr. Brennan and seconded by Commissioner Grybowski at 5:35 p.m. to discuss the applicants to be interviewed for the District Court Associate Justice vacancy (Stephen P. Erickson seat).

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 5:58 p.m. A motion was made by Dr. Brennan

and seconded by Commissioner McAuliffe to seal the executive session minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

Robert H. Humphrey
Christine S. Jabour
David P. Kerins
Bethany M. Macktaz
Stephen M. Miller
Merlyn O'Keefe
William P. Rampone

The interviews were scheduled for October 14, 2010, beginning at 5:15 p.m. and the public comment hearing on October 28, 2010, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Encida Diaz
Legal Assistant