

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

Open Session

March 2, 2011

Minutes

A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on March 2, 2011 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, E. Colby Cameron, Jeffrey M. Grybowski, Sharyn Iannuccilli, Norman L. Landroche, Jr., Mirlen A. Martinez Mal, Richard M. McAuliffe, Jr., Robert M. Silva and Deborah A. Smith.

Commissioners absent: None.

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

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

Dr. Brennan introduced and welcomed Commissioners Sharyn Iannuccilli and Deborah A. Smith. Dr. Brennan then announced the purpose of the meeting would be to review the applicants for the Associate Justice of the Family Court vacancies (Haiganush R. Bedrosian and Raymond E. Shawcross seats).

Commissioner Cameron reported on the results of the Application Review Sub-Committee ("Sub-Committee") and the recommendations which have been proposed to the Commission. Dr. Brennan requested a motion be made to discuss the recommendations of the Sub-Committee. The motion was made by Commissioner Silva and seconded by Commissioner Landroche. The motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion then ensued regarding the changes recommended by the Sub-Committee. Thereafter, Dr. Brennan requested a motion be made to accept and add the changes, as amended, to the Judicial Nominating Commission website documents. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Grybowski. The motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. Brennan advised the Commission the adopted changes would be clearly pointed out to applicants in the next vacancy advertisement.

At 6:00 p.m., Dr. Brennan requested a motion be made to go into executive session to discuss the applicants to be interviewed for the Family Court Associate Justice vacancies. The motion was made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Grybowski. The motion was unanimously carried.

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."

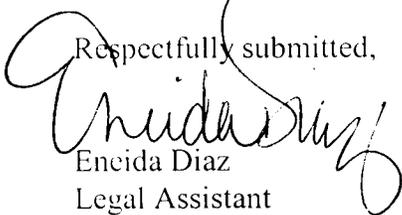
The Commission returned to open session at 6:47 p.m. Dr. Brennan requested a motion be made to seal the executive session minutes. The motion was made by Commissioner McAuliffe and seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

Patricia K. Asquith
Daniel V. Ballirano
Barbara A. Barrow
David N. Bazar
Susan M. Fink Hirsch
Rossie Lee Harris Jr.
Jane F. Fearing Howlett
Sandra A. Lanni
Kerry I. Rafanelli

The interviews were scheduled for May 4, 2011, beginning at 5:15 p.m. and the public comment hearing on May 11, 2011, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

There being no further business in open session, upon motion made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eneida Diaz
Legal Assistant