

# JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

## Open Session

June 8, 2015

Minutes

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A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission was held on June 8, 2015 in open session at 4:30 p.m., at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Second Floor, Conference Room A, 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: Louise Durfee, Chairperson, Francis J. Flanagan, Cheryl Haynes, Scott Rabideau, Lorraine Lalli and Norman L. Landroche Jr.

Commissioners absent: Richard M. McAuliffe, Vince Watchorn and Norman L. Landroche, Jr. excused himself from the meeting at 5:15 p.m..

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

Chair Durfee presided over the meeting and Mrs. Bennett acted as recording secretary.

Chair Durfee requested a motion be made to approve the March 9, 2015 Open and Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Lalli made the motion and Commissioner Haynes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Chair Durfee welcomed the audience and gave a brief description of the manner in which the meeting would be conducted. She then opened the floor for public comment and requested that everyone keep their remarks to five (5) minutes. The following persons were recognized and heard:

### **The first public comment session was conducted for the District Court candidates.**

Anthony Paolino and Associate Justice Joseph A. Montalbano of the Superior Court spoke on behalf of Brian A. Goldman; Chief Magistrate William R. Guglietta of the Traffic Tribunal spoke on behalf of Alan R. Goulart; Tiffany Antoch Emery and Associate Justice Daniel A. Procaccini of the Superior Court spoke on behalf of Paul D. Ragosta; Gregory S. Inman and Marc DeSisto spoke on behalf of Timothy A. Williamson; Peter DiBiase and Mary Kaye Grzebien spoke on behalf of Thomas G. Briody; and Associate Judge Frank J. Cenerini and Karl Martone spoke on behalf of James J. Caruolo.

**(Sign-In Sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit A)**

Upon completion of the District Court Public Comment Session, the Family Court Public Comment Session began at approximately 6:15 p.m.

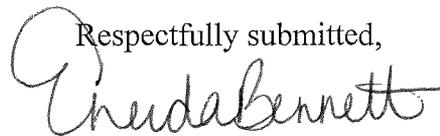
**The second public comment session was conducted for the Family Court candidates.**

Associate Justices Lauren D'Ambra and Associate Justice Kathleen Voccola of the Family Court and Alaina Louis spoke on behalf of Angela M. Paulhus; Associate Justice Michael B. Forte of the Family Court and Robert M. Barge spoke on behalf of Lia N. Stuhlsatz; Associate Judge Joseph T. Houlihan of the District Court, Renee Vogel and Senator Louis P. DiPalma spoke on behalf of Barbara A. Barrow and Fred Barrows spoke in opposition of Barbara A. Barrow; Kathleen Bazinet spoke on behalf of Jane F. Howlett; Richard Sullivan and Rebecca Almeida spoke on behalf of Paul T. Jones, Jr.; and Retired Associate Justice Howard I. Lipsey of the Superior Court, Robin Carlone, Girard R. Visconti and Stephen Iacoi spoke on behalf of Edward H. Newman.

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There being no further business in open session, upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eneida Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "E".

Eneida Bennett  
Legal Assistant

EXHIBIT A  
DISTRICT COURT SIGN-IN SHEET

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**SIGN IN SHEET**  
 PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION  
 RE: ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

June 8, 2015

Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Second Floor Conference Room A,  
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<b><u>CANDIDATE: Brian A. Goldman</u></b>		
Your Name	Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO	Speaking in <b><u>favor</u></b> of or in <b><u>opposition</u></b> of Candidate
✓ Anthony Paolino	No	FAVOR
✓ Judge Joseph A. Montalbano	Yes	FAVOR
<b><u>CANDIDATE: Alan R. Goulart</u></b>		
Your Name	Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO	Speaking in <b><u>favor</u></b> of or in <b><u>opposition</u></b> of Candidate
✓ William R. Guglietta		FAVOR

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<b><u>CANDIDATE: Paul D. Ragosta</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
✓ Tiffany Antoch Emery	NO	<del>YES FAVOR</del>
✓ Judge Peroni		
<b><u>CANDIDATE: Timothy A. Williamson</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
✓ GREGORY S. JUMAN	NO	FAVOR
✓ Marc Desisto	NO	Favor

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**CANDIDATE: Thomas G. Briody**

Your Name	Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO	Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate
① Peter Di Biase	NO	Favor
✓ Mary Kaye Grzebien	NO	FAVOR

**CANDIDATE: James J. Caruolo**

Your Name	Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO	Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate
✓ Frank Cenerini	Yes	Favor
✓ KAN (MARTINE) (MARTINE)	NO	FAVOR

EXHIBIT B

FAMILY COURT SIGN-IN SHEET

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<b><u>CANDIDATE: Angela M. Paulhus</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
✓ PAUREEN SAMBRA	YES	FAVOR
✓ KATHLEEN VOCCOLA	YES	FAVOR
✓ ALAINA DE LOUIS	NO	FAVOR
<b><u>CANDIDATE: Lia N. Stuhlsatz</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
✓ MICHAEL B. FORTE	Yes	Favor
✓ ROBERT M. BARGE	NO	Favor

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<b><u>CANDIDATE: Barbara A. Barrow</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
<del>* J. Terry Houlahan</del>	<del>yes</del>	<del>FAVOR</del>
✓ Anne Grant	no	opposition
✓ FRED BARRAWS	NO	OPPOSITION
✓ Rence Vogel, Esq.	<del>yes</del> NO	FAVOR
Senator Dipalma	No	FAVOR
<b><u>CANDIDATE: Jane F. Howlett</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
✓ Kathleen Bazinet	no	favor

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<b><u>CANDIDATE: Paul T. Jones, Jr.</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
✓ Richard Sullivan	NO	Favor
✓ Rebecca Almeida	NO	Favor
<b><u>CANDIDATE: Edward H. Newman</u></b>		
<b>Your Name</b>	<b>Are you a current or past member of the judiciary YES/NO</b>	<b>Speaking in <u>favor</u> of or in <u>opposition</u> of Candidate</b>
✓ JAMES HOWARD H. LIPREY	NO	FAVOR
✓ Robin Carlone	NO	FAVOR
✓ GERALD R. VISCONTI	NO	FAVOR
✓ STEPHEN IACOPI	NO	FAVOR