

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015**

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room nearest the elevators on the 3rd floor of the Department of Administration Building. Rachel DiNezza, Legal Assistant to the Commission, kept the Minutes, Ms. DiNezza called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. McAuliffe, Mr. Landroche, Mr. Flanagan, Ms. Lalli, Mr. Watchorn and Mr. Rabideau. Mrs. Haynes was absent. Mrs. Dowling declared that a quorum was present.

Mrs. Dowling pointed out that the Notice of the Meeting had been properly posted on October 7, 2015 in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. A copy of that Notice is annexed to these Minutes. On a motion by Mr. McAuliffe, seconded by Mr. Landroche, it was unanimously voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5(a)(1) (discussion of the job performance, character of physical or mental health of the person), each applicant having been notified in writing of his or her right to request to be considered in open session.

On conclusion of the closed session, Mrs. Dowling reported that during that closed session it was unanimously voted to grant interviews to the individuals and for the positions set forth on the Exhibit annexed hereto. In addition, in closed session, it was unanimously voted to seal the Minutes of the closed session.

The Commission then discussed the timetable for public hearings and interviews for Workers' Compensation Court, District Court and the meeting to select those to be interviewed for the two vacancies in the Family Court as follows:

1. December 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., there will be a meeting to solicit public comment on the Workers' Compensation Court Associate Judge position and Chief Judge position.
2. On December 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., the Commission will select those to be interviewed for the Family Court positions and at 5:30 p.m. on that day it will interview the candidates for Workers' Compensation Associate Judge and Chief Judge.
3. On December 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., there will be a meeting to solicit public comment with respect to the District Court vacancy.
4. Interviews for the District Court will be held on January 13 and 14, 2016.

These dates are subject to the availability of meeting rooms.

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Lalli, seconded by Mrs. Duffy, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel M. DiNezza, Legal Assistant

**RHODE ISLAND JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

**PLACE: Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill, 3rd Floor
Providence, Rhode Island 02908**

Conference Room Immediately to the Right of the Elevators

PURPOSES

- A. To consider and take appropriate action to designate individuals to be interviewed for the following vacancies:
1. Associate Judge – Rhode Island District Court (New Position)*
 2. Associate Justice – Rhode Island Superior Court (Edward C. Clifton Retirement)*
 3. Associate Judge – Workers’ Compensation Court (Edward P. Sowa, Jr. Retirement)*
 4. Chief Judge – Workers’ Compensation Court (George E. Healy, Jr. Retirement)*
- B. To agree on dates for public comment and candidate interviews.

* Commission members may elect to go into executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5(a)(1) (discussions of job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons who have been notified in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held at open meeting).

Posted on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at the Office of the Department of Administration, the State House Library and electronically with the Secretary of State. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting who may have special needs for access or services such as an interpreter, please contact Rachel DiNezza at (401) 427-6155 twenty-four hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Sarah T. Dowling
Chairperson

CANDIDATES TO BE INTERVIEWED

District Court – Associate Judge Vacancy

1. Andrew H. Berg
2. Thomas G. Briody
3. James J. Caruolo
4. Brian M. Goldman
5. Alan R. Goulart
6. John J. McMahan
7. Henry S. Monti
8. Laura A. Pisaturo
9. Terrence G. Simpson
10. William J. Trezvant
11. Erik B. Wallin
12. Harris K. Weiner

Superior Court Associate Judge Vacancy

1. Thomas G. Briody
2. Patricia A. Coyne-Fague
3. Michael W. Field
4. Michael P. Fontaine
5. William R. Guglietta
6. The Honorable Joseph T. Houlihan, Jr.
7. Maureen B. Keough
8. Lynette Labinger
9. Henry S. Monti
10. Laura A. Pisaturo
11. Olin Thompson
12. Stacey Pires Veroni
13. Harris K. Weiner
14. J. Patrick Youngs, III

Workers' Compensation Chief Judge Vacancy

1. The Honorable Janette A. Bertness
2. The Honorable Diane M. Connor
3. The Honorable Robert M. Ferrieri

Workers' Compensation Associate Judge Vacancy

4. Alfredo T. Conte
5. Susan Fay Pepin
6. Michael J. Feeney
7. Karen L. Finley
8. Mark P. McKenney
9. Steven A. Minicucci