

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015**

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 arrived at 4:30. Mrs. Dowling declared that a quorum was present.

Mrs. Dowling pointed out that the Notice of the Meeting had been properly posted on December 3, 2015 in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. A copy of that Notice is annexed to these Minutes. On a motion by Mrs. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, 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 and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session.

On a motion by Ms. Lalli, seconded by Mrs. Duffy, it was unanimously voted to close out of Closed Session.

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

1. February 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., there will be a meeting to solicit public comment on the Family Court Chief Judge position.
2. February 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., interviews will be held for the Family Court Chief Judge vacancy.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Rachel M. DiNezza, Legal Assistant

**RHODE ISLAND JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015
4:00 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 approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on December 2, 2015.
- B. To consider and take appropriate action to designate individuals to be interviewed for the following vacancies:
 - 1. Associate Justice – Rhode Island Family Court (Kathleen A. Voccola Retirement) *
 - 2. Chief Judge – Rhode Island Family Court (Haiganush R. Bedrosian Retirement) *
- C. 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).

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-(c) and (f) this notice will be posted on Thursday, December 3, 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

FAMILY COURT – (Chief Judge Vacancy)

1. The Honorable Laureen D’Ambra
2. The Honorable Michael B. Forte

FAMILY COURT – (Associate Judge Vacancy)

1. Barbara A. Barrow
2. Susan M. Fink
3. Priscilla G. Glucksman
4. The Honorable Rossie Lee Harris, Jr.
5. Jane F. Howlett
6. The Honorable Paul T. Jones
7. Richard A. Merola
8. Shilpa Naik
9. The Honorable Angela B. Paulhus
10. Susan T. Perkins
11. Lia Stuhlsatz