

THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
DISTRICT COURT PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015

MINUTES

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in Conference Room A on the 2nd 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, Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Landroche, Ms. Lalli and Mr. Watchorn. Mrs. Dowling declared there was a quorum. Mr. McAuliffe arrived at 5:37 p.m., Mr. Rabideau arrived at 5:42 p.m. and Ms. Haynes arrived at 5:56 p.m.

Mrs. Duffy was absent.

Mrs. Dowling pointed out that the Notice of the Meeting had been properly posted on December 10, 2015 in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. A copy of that Notice is annexed to these Minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Landroche, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Mrs. Dowling welcomed the audience and gave a brief explanation of the public comment process. She then opened the floor for public comment and reminded everyone to keep their remarks to five (5) minutes. The following persons were recognized and heard:

Clifford McGregor and John N. Marsella spoke in favor of Andrew H. Berg; The Honorable David L. Martin spoke on favor of Thomas G. Briody; Kevin R. McBride and Kerri Marceau spoke in favor of James J. Caruolo; Anthony Paolino and The Honorable Joseph Montalbano spoke in favor of Brian A. Goldman; John Ricci spoke in favor of Alan R. Goulart; Miriam Weizenbaum and Jim D'Ambra spoke in favor of Henry S. Monti; Gigi Desaulniers and A. T. Wall spoke in favor of Laura A. Pisaturo; Thomas Sisson and The Honorable Robert Craven spoke in favor of Terrence G. Simpson; The Honorable William C. Clifton and Robert A. DiMuccio spoke in favor of William J. Trezvant; Mark Braden and Tom O'Toole spoke in favor of Erik B. Wallin; and Christopher Ottiano spoke in favor of Harris K. Weiner.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Flangan and seconded by Mr. Landroche, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel M. DiNezza, Legal Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

An open meeting to: (1) approve the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Commission on December 8, 2015; and (2) receive public comment about the applicants under consideration to fill the vacancy of Associate Judge on the Rhode Island District Court has been scheduled for **Wednesday, December 16, 2015, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Second Floor Conference Room A, Providence, Rhode Island.

The applicants under consideration are as follows:

Andrew H. Berg
Thomas G. Briody
James J. Caruolo
Brian M. Goldman
Alan R. Goulart
John J. McMahon
Henry S. Monti
Laura A. Pisaturo
Terrence G. Simpson
William J. Trezvant
Erik B. Wallin
Harris K. Weiner

Commission Members may elect to go into Executive Session to consider and act upon such matters as may be considered at a meeting closed pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5(a)(1)... discussions of the 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 in open meeting.

The public is welcome to attend.

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-6(c) this notice will be posted at the Offices of the Department of Administration and in the State House Library.

Sarah T. Dowling
Chairperson