

**THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

**DISTRICT COURT INTERVIEW HEARING**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016**

**MINUTES**

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Department of Administration Building, Ground Floor Dining Room. 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. Flanagan, Mr. Landroche, Mr. Rabideau and Mr. Watchorn. Mrs. Dowling declared that a quorum was present. Ms. Haynes arrived at 5:53 and Mr. McAuliffe arrived at 5:41 p.m.

Ms. Lalli was absent.

Mrs. Dowling pointed out that the Notice of the Meeting had been properly posted on January 14, 2016 in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. A copy of that Notice is annexed to these Minutes.

On a motion by Ms. Duffy and seconded by Mr. Flanagan, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Flanagan, seconded by Ms. Duffy, 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.

The Commission reconvened in open session at 5:45 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Landroche, it was unanimously voted to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session.

The following individuals were interviewed for the current vacancy on the Rhode Island District Court due to a new position created by Rhode Island General Laws § 8-8-1: Henry S. Monti, Laura A. Pisaturo, Terrence G. Simpson, William J. Trezvant, Erik B. Wallin and Harris K. Weiner

The Commission Members conducted the voting for the position of Associate Judge on written ballots. After one round of voting, four (4) individuals received the required number of votes. Accordingly, the following names will be forwarded to Governor Gina Raimondo, in alphabetical order, for her consideration, along with copies of their applications, financial information, background investigative reports and letters of recommendation:

James J. Caruolo	eight (8) votes
Brian M. Goldman	six (6) votes
Alan R. Goulart	five (5) votes
Laura A. Pisaturo	seven (7) votes

A copy of the voting chart is attached hereto.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Flanagan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachel M. DiNezza, Legal Assistant

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# JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission will be held at the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, Ground Floor Dining Room on **Wednesday, January 20, 2016, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** for the following purposes:

(1) To approve the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Commission on January 13, 2016; and

(2) To interview applicants for the current vacancy on the Rhode Island District Court due to a new position created by Rhode Island General Laws § 8-8-1. Those applicants being interviewed are as follows:

Henry S. Monti  
Laura A. Pisaturo  
Terrence G. Simpson  
William J. Trezvant  
Erik B. Wallin  
Harris K. Weiner

(3) To vote to select those candidates whose names will be sent to the Governor for her consideration.

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).

The public is welcome to attend.

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-(c) and (f) this notice will be posted on Thursday, January 14, 2016, 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

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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY  
 DISTRICT COURT - ASSOCIATE JUDGE

JANUARY 20, 2016

Name	Berg	Briody	Caruolo	Goldman	Goulart	McMahan	Monti	Pisaturo	Simpson	Trezvant	Wallin	Weiner
Dowling		X	X		X		X	X				
Duffy			X		X		X	X				
Flanagan			X	X	X			X	X			
Haynes			X	X				X	X		X	
Lalli						X						X
Landroche												
McAuliffe			X	X	X			X	X			
Rabideau			X	X	X			X			X	
Watchorn			X	X				X	X	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>		1	8	6	5	1	2	7	3	3	2	2