

**THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**  
**FAMILY COURT PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016**

**MINUTES**

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. in Conference Room A on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Shekarchi and Mr. Watchorn. Mrs. Dowling declared there was a quorum. Ms. Haynes arrived at 5:42 p.m., Mr. McAuliffe arrived at 5:46 p.m. and Mr. Rabideau arrived at 5:58 p.m.

Mrs. Duffy was absent.

Mrs. Dowling pointed out that the Notice of the Meeting had been properly posted on February 25, 2016 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 Ms. Shekarchi, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2016 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 asked everyone to keep their remarks to five (5) minutes. The following persons were recognized and heard:

Amey F. Cardullo, Esquire and The Honorable James Hyman spoke in favor of Barbara A. Barrow; Jen and Jesse Huber and Charles Greenwood spoke in favor of Susan M. Fink; Frank J. DiBiase and Suzanne Fogarty spoke in favor of Priscilla G. Glucksman; The Honorable Lauren D'Ambra spoke in favor of The Honorable Rossie Lee Harris, Jr.; Dr. William Bundy spoke in favor of Jane F. Howlett; The Honorable Karen Bernard and Gary Cournoyer spoke in favor of The Honorable Paul T. Jones; Catie Reilly and Mercedes Torres spoke in favor of Richard A. Merola; Andrew Johnson and Nina Pande spoke in favor of Shilpa Naik; The Honorable Patricia Asquith, The Honorable Stephen Capineri and Elizabeth Marquis spoke in favor of The Honorable Angela Paulhus; Ruth B. Thumtzen spoke in favor of Susan T. Perkins; and Robert Barge and James E. Greer, M.D. spoke in favor of Lia Stuhlsatz.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Landroche, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 February 25, 2016; and (2) receive public comment about the applicants under consideration to fill the vacancy of Associate Justice on the Rhode Island Family Court has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 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:**

Barbara A. Barrow  
Susan M. Fink  
Priscilla G. Glucksman  
The Honorable Rossie Lee Harris, Jr.  
Jane F. Howlett  
The Honorable Paul T. Jones  
Richard A. Merola  
Shilpa Naik  
The Honorable Angela B. Paulhus  
Susan T. Perkins  
Lia Stuhlsatz

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-(c) and (f) this notice will be posted on Thursday, February 25, 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