

THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

SUPERIOR COURT VACANCY - VOTING

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

MINUTES

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:07 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, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Landroche, Ms. Haynes, Mr. McAuliffe, Mr. Rabideau and Ms. Shekarchi.

Mr. Watchorn was absent.

Mrs. Dowling pointed out that the Notice of the Meeting had been properly posted on March 3, 2016 in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. A copy of that Notice is annexed to these Minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Rabideau and seconded by Mr. Flanagan, it was unanimously voted to unseal the voting chart from the February 25, 2016 meeting. It is attached hereto.

Mrs. Dowling noted the presence of Raymond Marcaccio, Esquire, Special Counsel to the Commission regarding its Rules of Procedure. Mr. Marcaccio had furnished the Commission with his legal opinion regarding the second round of voting for the Superior Court vacancy. Mrs. Dowling asked if any Commission Member had any questions for Mr. Marcaccio. There being none, the Commission proceeded with a second round of voting for the Superior Court vacancy. Two individuals received five (5) votes and another received seven (7) 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:

Patricia Coyne-Fague	five (5) votes
The Honorable Joseph F. Houlihan, Jr.	five (5) votes
Maureen B. Keough	seven (7) votes

A copy of the second round voting chart is attached hereto.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. McAuliffe and seconded by Mrs. Duffy, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachel M. DiNezza, Legal Assistant

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING**

An open meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission has been scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Second Floor Conference Room A, Providence, Rhode Island.

The purposes of the meeting are:

- (1) To discuss the Commission's Rules and Regulations regarding voting procedure and to receive a legal opinion from the Commission's Special Counsel Raymond Marcaccio, Esquire concerning the voting procedure set forth under Section V of the Rules and Regulations; and
- (2) To continue the voting procedure for applicants under consideration to fill the vacancy of Associate Justice on the Rhode Island Superior Court.

**The applicants under consideration are as follows:**

Thomas G. Briody  
Patricia A. Coyne-Fague  
Michael W. Field  
Michael P. Fontaine  
The Honorable William R. Guglietta  
The Honorable Joseph T. Houlihan, Jr.  
Maureen B. Keough  
Lynette Labinger  
Henry S. Monti  
Laura A. Pisaturo  
Olin Thompson  
Stacey Pires Veroni  
Harris K. Weiner  
J. Patrick Youngs, III

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 §42-46-3(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, March 3, 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

ROUND 1

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY  
 SUPERIOR COURT - ASSOCIATE JUDGE

FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Name	Briody	Coyne-Fague	Field	Fontaine	Guglietta	Houlihan	Keough	Labinger	Monti	Pisaturo	Thompson	Pires Veroni	Weiner	Youngs
Dowling	(X)	(X)					(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)				
Duffy	(X)	(X)							(X)	(X)	(X)			
Flanagan					(X)	(X)	(X)					(X)		
Haynes				(X)				(X)				(X)		
Landroche					(X)	(X)	(X)							
McAuliffe		(X)			(X)	(X)	<del>(X)</del>				(X)		(X)	(X)
Rabideau			(X)										(X)	
Shekarchi		(X)				(X)	(X)		(X)	(X)				
Watchorn														
<b>TOTAL</b>	2	4	1	1	4	4	7	2	3	3	4	2	1	2

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ROUND 2

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY  
 SUPERIOR COURT - ASSOCIATE JUDGE

MARCH 7, 2016

Name	Briody	Coyne-Fague	Field	Fontaine	Guglietta	Houlihan	Keough	Labinger	Monti	Pisaturo	Thompson	Pires Veroni	Weiner	Youngs
Dowling	X	X						X	X	X				
Duffy		X							X	X				
Flanagan	X				X	X	X							
Haynes					X	X	X					X		
Landroche					X	X	X				X	X		
McAuliffe		X			X	X	X				X			X
Rabideau		X			X	X	X				X			
Shekarchi		X				X	X		X		X			X
Watchorn									X	X				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>