

**THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

**SUPERIOR COURT INTERVIEW HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

**MINUTES**

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:34 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, Ms. Haynes, Mr. Landroche, Mr. Rabideau and Ms. Shekarchi. Mrs. Dowling declared that a quorum was present. Mrs. Duffy arrived at 5:35 p.m. and Mr. McAuliffe arrived at 5:57 p.m.

Mr. Watchorn was absent.

Mrs. Dowling pointed out that the Notice of the Meeting had been properly posted on February 18, 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. Landroche, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Mrs. Dowling welcomed Ms. Shekarchi to the Commission.

The following individuals were interviewed for the current vacancy on the Rhode Island Superior Court: Patricia A. Coyne-Fague, Michael W. Field, Michael P. Fontaine, The Honorable William R. Guglietta, The Honorable Joseph T. Houlihan, Jr. Laura Pisaturo, and Harris K. Weiner.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Ms. Shekarchi it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Rachel M. DiNezza, Legal Assistant

## 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, Second Floor Conference Room A on **Wednesday, February 24, 2016, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** for the following purposes:

(1) To approve the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Commission on February 10, 2016; and

(2) To interview applicants for the current vacancy on the Rhode Island Superior Court due to retirement of Associate Justice Edward C. Clifton. Those applicants being interviewed are as follows:

Patricia A. Coyne-Fague  
Michael W. Field  
Michael P. Fontaine  
The Honorable William R. Guglietta  
The Honorable Joseph T. Houlihan, Jr.  
Laura Pisaturo  
Harris K. Weiner

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, February 18, 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