

## THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

### MINUTES

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Ms. Haynes, Mr. Landroche, Mr. Rabideau, Ms. Shekarchi and Mr. Watchorn. Mrs. Dowling declared there was a quorum. Mr. McAuliffe arrived at 5:46 p.m.

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. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Landroche, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

On a motion by Ms. Haynes and seconded by Mr. Flanagan, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

The following individuals were interviewed for the current vacancy on the Rhode Island Family Court due to the retirement of Associate Justice Kathleen A. Voccola: 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, and Lia Stuhlsatz.

On a motion by Mr. Flanagan, seconded by Mr. Landroche, 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, or physical or mental health of a person), each applicant having been notified in writing of his or her right to request the discussion be conducted in open session and no request having been received.

The Commission reconvened in open session at 8:50 p.m. Mrs. Dowling reported that no action was taken in closed session except to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session and to return to open session.

The Commission Members conducted the voting for the position of Associate Justice 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:

The Honorable Rossie Lee Harris, Jr.	seven (7) votes
Jane F. Howlett	eight (8) votes
The Honorable Angela B. Paulhus	eight (8) votes
Lia Stuhlsatz	eight (8) votes

A copy of the voting chart is attached hereto.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Flanagan and seconded by Mr. Landroche, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:01 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, March 9, 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 24 2016;
- (2) To approve the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Commission on March 2, 2016;
- (3) To interview applicants for the current vacancy on the Rhode Island Family Court due to the retirement of Associate Justice Kathleen A. Voccola. Those applicants being interviewed 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

- (4) 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, 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

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FAMILY COURT - ASSOCIATE JUDGE

MARCH 9, 2016

Name	Barrow	Fink	Glucksman	Harris	Howlett	Jones	Merola	Naik	Paulhus	Perkins	Stuhlsatz
Dowling				X	X			X	X		X
Duffy				X	X	X			X		X
Flanagan	X				X	X	X		X		
Haynes		X		X	X				X		
Landroche				X	X				X		X
McAuliffe			X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Rabideau		X		X	X		X		X		X
Shekarchi				X	X				X		X
Watchorn				X	X	X	X				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	1	2	1	7	8	4	4	2	8		8