

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016**

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room nearest the elevators on the 3rd 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. Shekarchi and Mr. Watchorn. Mrs. Dowling declared that a quorum was present. Mr. McAuliffe arrived at 5:32 p.m. Ms. Haynes arrived at 5:36.

Mr. Rabideau was absent.

Mrs. Dowling pointed out that the Notice of the Meeting had been properly posted on March 17, 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 March 7, 2016 meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

On a motion by Mrs. Duffy and seconded by Mr. Flanagan, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

The Commission discussed potential amendments to its Regulations regarding voting.

On a motion by Mr. Flanagan, seconded by Mrs. 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.

Returning to open session, Mrs. Dowling reported that during that closed session it was unanimously voted to grant interviews to the individuals listed on the attached Exhibit for the Family Court Associate Judge position occasioned by the death of Judge Mutter and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Flanagan, seconded by Mr. Landroche, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel M. DiNezza, Legal Assistant

**RHODE ISLAND JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

**PLACE: Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill, 3rd Floor
Providence, Rhode Island 02908**

Conference Room Immediately to the Right of the Elevators

PURPOSES:

- A. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 7, 2016.
- B. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 9, 2016.
- C. To consider potential amendments to the Commission's Regulations regarding voting.
- D. To consider and take appropriate action to designate individuals to be interviewed for the following vacancy:
 1. Associate Justice – Rhode Island Family Court (created by the death of Associate Justice John A. Mutter) *

* 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).

Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-(c) and (f) this notice will be posted on Thursday, March 17, 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

CANDIDATES TO BE INTERVIEWED

1. Magistrate Rossie Lee Harris, Jr.
2. Jane F. Howlett
3. Magistrate Paul T. Jones
4. Richard A. Merola
5. Magistrate Edward H. Newman
6. Magistrate Angela B. Paulhus
7. Lia Stuhlsatz

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