

THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

MINUTES

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:32 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 5:42 p.m.

Mrs. Dowling pointed out that the Notice of the Meeting had been properly posted on May 5, 2016 in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. A copy of that Notice is annexed to these Minutes.

On a motion by Ms. Shekarchi and seconded by Mrs. Duffy, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

The following individuals were interviewed for the current vacancy on the Rhode Island Family Court created by the death of Associate Justice John A. Mutter: Jane F. Howlett, Magistrate Paul T. Jones, Richard A. Merola, Magistrate Edward H. Newman and Magistrate Angela B. Paulhus.

The Commission Members conducted the voting for the position of Associate Justice on written ballots. After one round of voting, five (5) 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:

Jane F. Howlett	nine (9) votes
Magistrate Paul T. Jones	nine (9) votes
Richard A. Merola	nine (9) votes
Magistrate Edward H. Newman	nine (9) votes
Magistrate Angela B. Paulhus	nine (9) 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 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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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, May 11, 2016, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** for the following purposes:

- (1) To approve the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Commission on May 4, 2016;
- (2) To interview applicants for the current vacancy on the Rhode Island Family Court created by the death of Associate Justice John A. Mutter. Those applicants being interviewed are as follows:

Magistrate Rossie Lee Harris, Jr.  
Jane F. Howlett  
Magistrate Paul T. Jones  
Richard A. Merola  
Magistrate Edward H. Newman  
Magistrate Angela B. Paulhus  
Lia Stuhlsatz

- (3) 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, May 5, 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  
FAMILY COURT - ASSOCIATE JUSTICE JOHN A. MUTTER VACANCY

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Name	Howlett	Jones	Merola	Newman	Paulhus
Dowling	X	X	X	X	X
Duffy	X	X	X	X	X
Flanagan	X	X	X	X	X
Haynes	X	X	X	X	X
Landroche	X	X	X	X	X
McAuliffe	X	X	X	X	X
Rabideau	X	X	X	X	X
Shekarchi	X	X	X	X	X
Watchorn	X	X	X	X	X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>