

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 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, Ms. Haynes, Mr. Landroche, Mr. McAuliffe, Mr. Rabideau, Ms. Shekarchi and Mr. Watchorn. Mrs. Dowling declared that a quorum was present.

Mrs. Dowling pointed out that the Notice of the Meeting had been properly posted on July 21, 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 May 11, 2016 meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

On a motion by Ms. Shekarchi, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, 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), to discuss the applicants for an opening on the Superior Court occasioned by the resignation of Judge Hurst, each applicant having been notified in writing of his or her right to request to be considered in open session and no request having been made.

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 Superior Court Associate Judge position occasioned by the retirement of Judge Hurst and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session. She also reported that she recused herself in connection with the discussion regarding applicant R. Bart Totten, a partner in the law firm of Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C. and that Mary Shekarchi recused herself from the discussion of applicant Kas DeCarvalho as they serve together on the R.I. Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline.

The Commission then discussed the timetable for the public comment hearing and interviews as follows:

1. On September 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., there will be a meeting to solicit public comment with respect to the Superior Court vacancy.
2. Interviews for the Superior Court vacancy will be held on October 5, 2016.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Duffy, seconded by Ms. Haynes, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel M. DiNezza, Legal Assistant

**RHODE ISLAND JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 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 May 11, 2016.
- B. To consider and take appropriate action to designate individuals to be interviewed for the following vacancy:
 - 1. Associate Justice – Rhode Island Superior Court (Patricia A. Hurst Retirement)*
- C. To agree on dates for public comment and candidate interviews.

* 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).

Posted on Thursday, July 21, 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. Kas R. DeCarvalho
2. Patricia A. Coyne-Fague
3. Chief Magistrate William R. Guglietta
4. The Honorable Joseph T. Houlihan
5. Melissa A. Long
6. The Honorable Pamela Woodcock Pfeiffer
7. Laura A. Pisaturo
8. Olin Thompson
9. R. Bart Totten

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