

THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016

MINUTES

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in Conference Room B on the 2nd 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 5:41 p.m.

Mrs. Dowling pointed out that the Notice of the Meeting had been properly posted on October 20, 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 September 21, 2016 meeting of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

The following individuals were interviewed for the current vacancy on the Rhode Island Superior Court created by the retirement of Associate Justice Patricia A. Hurst: Kas R. DeCarvalho, Patricia A. Coyne-Fague, Chief Magistrate William R. Guglietta, The Honorable Joseph T. Houlihan, Melissa A. Long, The Honorable Pamela Woodcock Pfeiffer, Laura A. Pisaturo, Olin Thompson and R. Bart Totten.

The Commission Members conducted the voting for the position of Associate Justice on written ballots. Mrs. Dowling did not participate in the voting. 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:

Chief Magistrate William R. Guglietta	-	five (5) votes
The Honorable Joseph T. Houlihan	-	seven (7) votes
Melissa A. Long	-	six (6) votes
The Honorable Pamela Woodcock Pfeiffer	-	five (5) votes
Olin Thompson	-	seven (7) votes

A copy of the voting chart is attached hereto.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Landroche and seconded by Mr. Rabideau, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:10 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 B on **Thursday, October 27, 2016, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** for the following purposes:

(1) To approve the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Commission on September 21, 2016; and

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

Kas R. DeCarvalho
Patricia A. Coyne-Fague
Chief Magistrate William R. Guglietta
The Honorable Joseph T. Houlihan
Melissa A. Long
The Honorable Pamela Woodcock Pfeiffer
Laura A. Pisaturo
Olin Thompson
R. Bart Totten

(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, October 20, 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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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION VOTING TALLY
 SUPERIOR COURT - ASSOCIATE JUSTICE PATRICIA A. HURST VACANCY

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Name	DeCarvalho	Coyne-Fague	Guglietta	Houlihan	Long	Woodcock Pfeiffer	Pisaturo	Thompson	Totten
Dowling									
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		
TOTAL	1	4	5	7	6	5	2	7	3