

**Child Advocate Search Committee
Meeting Minutes**

January 29, 2010

2:00 – 4:00

Department of Administration

Conference Room B, Second Floor

Members present:

Deborah Barclay, Esq.

Sarah Fine, Ph.D.

Brother Brendan Gerrity

Peter Howland, MD

Philip Keefe

Lorraine Newton Lalli, Esq.

Charles Maynard

Sharon O'Keefe, Esq.

The Honorable Kathleen Voccola

Members absent:

The Honorable Stephen Capineri

The Open Session of the Child Advocate Search Committee was called to order at 2:15 pm, Deborah Smith, Director of External Affairs, and Charles Maynard, Acting Chair, pursuant to the applicable

provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Deb Smith asked the committee to introduce themselves and the organization that they represent.

Charles Maynard then called the committee to nominate a Chair and Vice Chair.

The Honorable Kathleen Voccola nominated Charles Maynard as Chairman, seconded by Brother Brendan Gerrity. The Committee unanimously voted Charles Maynard as Chairman of the Search Committee.

Chairman Maynard then called the committee to nominate a Vice Chair of the committee.

The Honorable Kathleen Voccola nominated Brother Brendan Gerrity as Vice Chair, seconded by Charles Maynard. The Committee unanimously voted Brother Brendan Gerrity as Vice Chairman of the committee.

Chairman Maynard suggested that the committee take the next week to review the candidate's resumes and return to determine which candidates will be elevated to an interview process.

Sharon O’Keefe asked if the Governor’s Office had a time frame in which they were to forward candidates for the Governor to review.

Deb Smith stated that April would be a suitable date to submit candidates to the Governor.

Deb Barclay asked whether or not the committee would still receive any letters of recommendation that would come in on behalf of candidates.

Chairman Maynard stated that any letters of recommendation that come in before the next meeting would be accepted and distributed to the committee.

On motion of Chairman Maynard, seconded by Judge Voccola, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session to review the applications. The Open Session adjourned at 2:40 pm

On motion of Chairman Maynard, seconded by Brother Gerrity, it was unanimously voted to return to Open Session. The Open Session was called back to order at 3:05 pm.

Of the 25 applicants for the position of Child Advocate, it was noted that one candidate would not be considered because the applicant did not have three years as a practicing attorney as required by the

Rhode Island General Law.

It was determined that the time and dates for future search committee meetings would be as follows: Friday, February 5, 2010; Friday, February 12, 2010; February 26, 2010 at 2pm in Conference Room B, Department of Administration.

Having no further business, on motion of Chairman Maynard, seconded by Sharon O'Keefe, the meeting was unanimously approved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm