

Child Advocate Search Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2010

12:20 – 4:00

Department of Administration

Conference Room B, Second Floor

Members present:

Deborah Barclay, Esq.

The Honorable Stephen Capineri

Sarah Fine, Ph.D.

Brother Brendan Gerrity

Peter Howland, MD

Philip Keefe

Lorraine Newton Lalli, Esq.

Sharon O’Keefe, Esq.

The Honorable Kathleen Voccola

Members absent:

Charles E. Maynard

The Open Session of the Child Advocate Search Committee was called to order at 12:20: pm, by Vice Chairman Brother Brendan Gerrity, 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.

Vice Chairman Gerrity called the committee to review the minutes from February 5, 2010 and called for a motion to approve. Judge Stephen Capineri made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Phil Keefe. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Vice Chairman Gerrity asked the committee if they were ready to begin the interview of the 8 candidates. The Committee agreed. Interviews began at 12:30 p.m. which were open to the public and the last interview ended at 3:15 p.m.

On motion of Judge Kathleen Voccola, seconded by Phil Keefe, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation of the candidates. The Open Session adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

On motion of Vice Chairman Gerrity, seconded by Dr. Peter Howland, it was unanimously voted to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session. The Open Session was called back to order at 3:58 p.m.

Vice Chairman Gerrity asked the Committee whether they wanted to make the names of the candidates that would be forwarded to the Governor public at this time. The committee unanimously agreed to

make the names public.

Vice Chairman Gerrity stated that the candidates that will be forwarded to the Governor are in alphabetical order, not by rank. The following candidates will be forwarded to the Governor:

- Patricia Byrnes, Esq.**
- Michael Coleman, Esq.**
- Regina Costa Gibb, Esq.**
- Cindy Soccio, Esq.**

The Committee did not have anything further to state. Having no further business, on motion of Vice Chairman Gerrity, seconded by Phil Keefe, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

The final meeting of the Child Advocate Search Committee adjourned at 4:00 pm.