



# Executive Committee

**Tuesday 5/2/06 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM**

**Governor's Commission on Disabilities**

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**Secretary:**

Bob Cooper

**Attendees:**

Paul Choquette (Chair); John MacDonald (Vice Chair); Rosemary Carmody; Regina Connor; Judi Drew; Binyamin Efreom; Ronald McMinn; & Bill Nieranowski

**Excused:**

Timothy Flynn; Paul Grenon; & Patricia Ryherd

**Guests:**

John Berget (DoA); & Gerald O'Neil (ASCME 94)

## Minutes

**4:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

**Paul Choquette, Chair**

Discussion: Call to order at 4:05 PM.

Members and guests introduced themselves.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting, as corrected to correct the spelling of Mr. MacDonald, RMcM/RCo passed unanimously

**4:05 PM**

**Recommendations for Appointment to the Commission**

**Paul Choquette**

Discussion: Mr. Sanford Lupovitz has agreed to be nominated to the Commission. I never received any response from Mr. Agenbright. Below is Mr. Lupovitz's resume.

**SANFORD P. LUPOVITZ**

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### EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh

B.Sc. Social Sciences

Brandeis University

Master of Social Work, Community Organization

### MILITARY

Army of the United States, two years,

Honorable Discharge

Occupation: Psychologist, Armed Forces Examining Station

**EMPLOYMENT**

Community Agency, Executive Director 1960-1980

Competencies: fiscal management; community planning; grant proposals; leadership development; conventions; personnel practices; fund raising and endowments; educational, cultural, and leisure time programming; tour travel; lobbying; media releases and community newspaper; public speaking.

**BUSINESS**

Rhode Island Bureau of Investigation and Protection 1980-2004

President/Secretary of a family owned company.

RIBI Security is a full service security and investigation company that provides over 6000 hours of guard service a week to a wide variety of clients. The employee compliment includes over 250 people.

Management responsibilities included preparation of the total schedule of shifts each week; personnel and human resources; customer relations; coordination of the supervisory staff; sales; payroll; purchasing of uniforms, equipment and vehicles; fiscal management; training; preparation of site policy and procedure manuals.

**MOTION:** To recommend the Governor Appoint Mr. Sanford Lupovitz, of East Greenwich vice Victoria Ferrara, to the Commission for a term ending May 1, 2009.

RCa/RMcM passed unanimously

**4:10 PM Advice and Consent to the Appointment of Chairs of the Legislation Committee Paul Choquette**

Discussion: The Governor has reappointed the Commissioners who indicated an interest in serving another term and he has appointed Tim Flynn as the newest Commissioner, but wants to wait until later this summer (hunting for a vice chairperson).

**4:15 PM Personnel - Discipline John MacDonald**

Discussion: John Berget (DOA Legal Services Office) explained the procedures for conducting a disciplinary hearing.

**MOTION:** To close the meeting to the public pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) regarding the discussion of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons. RCa/RMcM passed unanimously

**MOTION:** To end the closed session. RMcM/BN passed unanimously

**MOTION:** With regard to the complaint of harassment and intimidation filed against Mr. Nicholas J. Capobianco, Jr. in regards to his conduct at the RI Department of Administration's Office of Accounts and Controls on the morning of April 27, 2006; the Commission's Executive Committee has dismiss the complaint against Mr. Capobianco, and he is directed to send a letter of sincere apology to Ms Coehlo within 7 calendar day with cc sent to the chair & vice chair. RMcM/BE unanimously.

The Executive Secretary and members discussed the need to limit staff interaction with the

Central Business Office, Accounts & Controls, and Purchasing (excluding the DBE program) to the Executive Secretary and State ADA Coordinator to avoid confusion, mis-information etc.

**4:55 PM    Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings    Paul Choquette**

Fellowship Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>. There are 3 applicants; members took copies of their applications to review in advance of the meeting.

Orientation/Retreat Planning Subcommittee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 2:30 PM.

**Adjournment at:**    5:40 PM

**Resource Persons:**    Harvey Salvas and Nicholas Capobianco (GCD).