



**Minutes of the Government Records Council  
November 12, 2019 – Closed Session**

The Council convened in closed session at 1:36 p.m. in Conference Room 129 of the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey. In attendance were: Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq. (Chairwoman), Jennifer Simons, Esq. (designee of Department of Education Commissioner, Dr. Lamont Repollet), Donald Palombi (designee of Department of Community Affairs Commissioner, Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver), and Steven Ritardi, Esq. (Public Member).

Also, in attendance were GRC Staff: Frank F. Caruso (Acting Executive Director), Rosemond Bordzoe (Secretary), John Stewart (Mediator) Samuel Rosado (Staff Attorney), Brandon Garcia (Case Manager), and Deputy Attorney General Debra Allen.

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Simons made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ritardi. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote.

The Council met in closed session pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) and N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g) to review records *in camera* and receive legal advice in the following matters:

- Arnav Sood v. West Windsor-Plainsboro District (Mercer) (2016-241) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)).
- James Mullin v. Bergen County Sheriff's Office (2017-102) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)).
- Robert S. Daniel v. NJ Transit (2017-164) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)). (**SR Recusal**)
- Richard E. Salkin v. City of Hackensack (Bergen) (2017-191) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)). (**SR Recusal**)
- Edwin Sheppard – Legal Advice (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)) (**FC & S. Rosado Recusal**)

Mr. Rosado introduced GRC Complaint No. 2016-241. He stated that he made changes to reflect what was discussed at the last meeting. The Council again reviewed the records at issue *in camera*. The Council confirmed the changes based on its prior review and legal advice received from DAG Allen. The Council agreed to the conclusions as written.

Mr. Rosado introduced GRC Complaint No. 2017-102. The Council reviewed the records *in camera*. The Council discussed the proposed conclusions and received legal advice from DAG Allen. The Council ultimately agreed with the conclusion as written.

Mr. Rosado introduced GRC Complaint No. 2017-164. The Council reviewed the records *in camera*. The Council discussed the proposed conclusions and received legal advice from DAG Allen. The Council agreed to the conclusions as written.

Mr. Rosado introduced GRC Complaint No. 2017-191. The Council reviewed the records *in camera*. The Council discussed the proposed conclusions and received legal advice from DAG Allen. The Council agreed to the conclusions as written.

Edwin Sheppard - Legal advice (**FC and S. Rosado Recused**): Ms. Berg Tabakin introduced the issues involving this complainant. The Council sought legal advice from DAG Allen, who provided same. The Council discussed courses of action based on the legal advice provided.

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to end the closed session. Ms. Simons made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Palombi. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The closed session meeting concluded at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq., Chair

Date Approved: January 7, 2020