



**Minutes of the Government Records Council
January 7, 2020 – Closed Session**

The Council convened in closed session at 1:42 p.m. in Conference Room 129 of the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey. In attendance were: Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq. (Chairwoman), Christopher Huber, Esq. (designee of Department of Education Commissioner, Dr. Lamont Repollet), Thurman Barnes (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), Brandon Garcia (Case Manager), and Deputy Attorney General Debra Allen.

Mr. Huber called for a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Barnes made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Berg Tabakin. 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:

- Steven Vardakis v. Borough of Spring Lake Heights (Monmouth) (2018-7) Legal Advice (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)).
- Michael Doss v. Borough of Bogota (Bergen) (2017-217) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)). (**SR Recusal**)
- Krzysztof Golas v. Essex County Department of Corrections (2018-12) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)). (**SR Recusal**)

Mr. Caruso introduced GRC Complaint No. 2018-7. DAG Allen provided her opinion of the proposed decision. The Council asked additional questions regarding the facts of the case. The Council discussed the proposed conclusions, weighed potential adjudicatory options, and received additional legal advice from DAG Allen. The Council agreed to table this complaint for additional information and further review.

*****Mr. Ritardi left the meeting due to recusals.*****

Mr. Caruso introduced GRC Complaint No. 2017-217. 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. Ritardi recused.

Mr. Caruso introduced GRC Complaint No. 2018-12. 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. Ritardi recused.

Mr. Huber called for a motion to end the closed session. Mr. Barnes made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Berg Tabakin. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The closed session meeting concluded at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq., Chair

Date Approved: February 26, 2020