



**Minutes of the Government Records Council
July 26, 2022 – Closed Session**

The Council convened in closed session at 1:49 p.m. telephonically. In attendance were Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq. (Chairwoman), Jennifer Simons, Esq. (designee of Department of Education Acting Commissioner, Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan), Gina Trish (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 (Executive Director), Rosemond Bordzoe (Secretary), John Stewart (Mediator), Samuel A. Rosado (Staff Attorney). Deputy Attorney General Debra Allen did not participate as the Attorney General's Office is recused from GRC 2017-180.

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to go into closed session. Ms. Simons made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Trish. 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*:

- Edwin Sheppard v. NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Law (2017-180) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)).

Mr. Caruso introduced GRC Complaint No. 2017-180. Mr. Caruso also stated that DAG Allen did not provide legal advice as the Attorney General's office did not participate in the adjudication of this complaint. The Council reviewed the records *in camera* and posed questions related to the redactions, proposed conclusions, and the impact of DAG Allen's recusal. Mr. Caruso provided responses to those questions, and the Council agreed to the conclusions as written.

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to end the closed session. Ms. Simons made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Trish. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The closed session meeting concluded at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq., Chair

Date Approved: August 30, 2022