



Minutes of the Government Records Council February 28, 2023 – Closed Session

The Council convened in closed session at 1:47 p.m. telephonically. In attendance were Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq. (Chairwoman), Michael Hahn, Esq. (designee of Department of Education Acting Commissioner, Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan), John Alexy (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 Rosado (Staff Attorney), and Deputy Attorney General Steven Gleeson.

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Alexy 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:

- Denise Whiteside v. Township of Little Falls (Passaic) (2021-89) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)) (**SR Recusal**)
- Craig Rawles v. Glassboro Police Department (Gloucester) (2021-100) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)).
- Stephen J. Christiano, Esq. (o/b/o Ronald Bligh) v. West Orange Board of Education (Essex) (2021-220) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)).

Mr. Caruso asked that Mr. Ritardi be muted to ensure his non-participation in the item from which he is recused. Mr. Caruso confirmed that Mr. Ritardi was muted.

Mr. Caruso introduced GRC Complaint No. 2021-89. The Council reviewed the records *in camera* and DAG Gleeson provided brief comment on the proposed conclusions. The Council agreed to the conclusions as written, Mr. Ritardi recused.

Mr. Ritardi rejoined the closed session at this time.

Mr. Caruso introduced GRC Complaint No. 2021-100. The Council reviewed the records *in camera* and agreed to the conclusions as written.

Mr. Rosado introduced GRC Complaint No. 2021-220 and noted that the conclusions were amended. The Council reviewed the records *in camera* and agreed to the conclusions as amended.

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to end the closed session. Mr. Alexy made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ritardi. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The closed session meeting concluded at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq., Chair

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