



**Minutes of the Government Records Council  
September 24, 2019 – Closed Session**

The Council convened in closed session at 1:39 p.m. in Conference Room 129 of the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey. In attendance were: Jennifer Simons, 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).

Absent: Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq. (Chairwoman)

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

Mr. Ritardi called for a motion to go into closed session. Ms. Simons made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Barnes. 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 Regional School District (Mercer) (2016-241) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)).
- Scott DiRoma v. NJ State Parole Board (2016-278) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)).

Mr. Rosado introduced GRC Complaint No. 2016-241. The Council reviewed the records at *in camera*. The Council discussed the proposed conclusions and received legal advice from DAG Allen. Mr. Caruso provided additional case law examples to assist the Council in rendering a decision. The Council decided to table the complaint for further review in light of its closed session discussion.

Mr. Stewart introduced GRC Complaint No. 2016-278. The Council reviewed the records at *in camera*. The Council discussed the cited exemptions and their applicability to the records. The Council received legal advice from DAG Allen on the issues presented. The Council agreed to the conclusions as written.

Mr. Ritardi called for a motion to end the closed session. Mr. Barnes made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Simons. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The closed session meeting concluded at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Steven Ritardi, Esq., Acting Chair

Date Approved: November 12, 2019