



**Minutes of the Government Records Council  
January 28, 2025 – Closed Session**

The Council convened in closed session at 1:39 p.m. telephonically. In attendance were John Alexy (Chairman) (designee of Department of Community Affairs Commissioner, Jacquelyn A. Suarez), Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq. (Vice Chair), Christopher Brown, Esq. (Public Member), Ronald Chen, Esq. (Public Member) and Steven Ritardi, Esq. (Secretary).

Also, in attendance were GRC Staff: Frank F. Caruso (Executive Director), Rosemond Bordzoe (Secretary), John Stewart (Mediator), Samuel Rosado (Staff Attorney), Jennifer Howell (Staff Attorney), Maria Rossi (Staff Attorney), and Deputy Attorney General Mark Gulbranson.

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

- Rotimi Owoh (o/b/o African American Data & Research Institute) v. North Bergen Police Department (Hudson) (2021-304) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)).

Mr. Rosado introduced GRC Complaint No. 2021-304 and discussed the reasoning for his proposed findings. Mr. Ritardi raised questions about pieces of information that were left unredacted. Mr. Chen raised concerns over the proposed findings related to two (2) of the redactions and the Council discussed those concerns. After careful consideration of the raised issue, the Council agreed to table the complaint for further review.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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John Alexy, Chair

Date Approved: February 18, 2025