



**Minutes of the Government Records Council
July 29, 2025 – Closed Session**

The Council convened in closed session at 1:40 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 Andrew Hedin.

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

- Frank Liberato v. Township of Long Hill (Morris) (2022-198) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)).

Mr. Caruso introduced GRC Complaint No. 2022-198 and explained the reasoning behind his proposed findings. The Council reviewed the records *in camera*. Mr. Chen asked for clarification of the proposed findings related to one of the asserted exemptions. which Mr. Caruso stated that an objection to its use was addressed in the proposed findings. Mr. Chen, out of concern over ensuring an adequate record, asked if the parties would be made aware of the objection. Mr. Caruso stated that all parties will receive the decision inclusive of the analysis. The Council agreed to the conclusions as written.

Mr. Alexy called for a motion to end the closed session. Mr. Ritardi made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Chen. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The closed session meeting concluded at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

John Alexy, Chair

Date Approved: August 26, 2025