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NOTICE OF MEETING
Government Records Council
December 9, 2025

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the Government Records Council will hold a regular meeting, at which formal action may be taken, commencing at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, 2025, via Office Teams. Members of the public may attend the meeting by utilizing the following call-in information:

Telephone Number: 1-856-338-7074

Conference ID: 126 639 081#

The agenda, to the extent presently known, is listed below. The public session and consideration of cases is expected to commence at 1:30 p.m. remotely.

I. Public Session:

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting Notice
Roll Call

II. Executive Director's Report

III. 2026 Proposed Council Meeting Dates – Final Review

IV. Closed Session

V. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

October 6, 2025 Open Session Meeting Minutes

VI. New Business – Cases Scheduled for Consent Agenda Administrative Complaint Disposition Adjudication *

An “Administrative Complaint Disposition” means a decision by the Council as to whether to accept or reject the Executive Director’s recommendation of dismissal based on jurisdictional, procedural or other defects of the complaint. The Executive Director’s recommended reason for the Administrative Disposition is under each complaint below.

A. Administrative Disposition Adjudications with Recusals (Consent Agenda):

1. John S. Hilkevich v. NJ Department of Corrections (2022-300) (SR Recusal)



2. Miguel Ramos v. NJ Department of Corrections (2022-531) **(SR Recusal)**
3. Patrick Bender v. Morris County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Corrections (2022-656) **(SR Recusal)**
4. Bianca Barber v. City of Newark (Essex) (2025-9) **(SR Recusal)**
5. Jennie Santiago v. City of Jersey City, Division of City Planning (Hudson) (2025-12) **(SR Recusal)**
6. David J. Durling v. NJ Department of Corrections (2025-135) **(SR Recusal)**
7. Rafael Miranda v. NJ Department of Corrections (2025-141) **(SR Recusal)**
8. David J. Durling v. NJ Department of Corrections (2025-199) **(SR Recusal)**
9. Michael Stevens v. County of Hudson (2025-260) **(SR Recusal)**
10. Michael Stevens v. County of Hudson (2025-267) **(SR Recusal)**
11. Chris Krol v. Rutgers University (2025-194) **(RC & SR Recusal)**

B. Administrative Disposition Adjudications with no Recusals (Consent Agenda):

1. Daniel J. Maloney, Jr. v. NJ State Police (2023-158)
2. David P. Leeds v. City of Absecon (Atlantic) (2025-110)
3. Jack Simmermon (o/b/o Simmermon Corp d/b/a A-Jack's Towing & Recover) v. Township of Monroe (Gloucester) (2025-269)
4. Jones-Bey Desmond v. East Orange Municipal Court (Essex) (2025-340)
5. Anthony Dixon v. Ocean County Superior Court (2025-345)

C. Administrative Disposition Uncontested, Voluntary Withdrawals by Complainant (No Adjudication of the Council is Required):

1. Jose L. Gonzalez Jr. v. City of Newark (Essex) (2024-110)
2. Kelly Ann Arzberger v. Randolph Township Board of Education (Morris) (2024-154)
3. Joseph M. Kanfer (o/b/o A.L.M. Electric Co., Inc.) v. Hillside Public Schools (Union) (2024-211)
4. Kenneth Sharperson v. Morris Township Police Department (Morris) (2025-81)
5. Susan J. Kozel v. Township of Upper Freehold (Monmouth) (2025-96)
6. Avinash Melkote v. Borough of Keyport (Monmouth) (2025-97)
7. Steve Hallo v. NJ Department of Banking & Insurance (2025-104)
8. Avinash Melkote v. Township of Irvington (Essex) (2025-111)
9. Everett Falt v. Borough of Carteret (Middlesex) (2025-142)
10. Brian J. Bartiromo v. Township of Washington (Warren) (2025-172)
11. Marvin Chambers v. Passaic Board of Education (2025-198)
12. Joshua Nash v. NJ Transit (2025-209)
13. Joshua Nash v. NJ Transit (2025-215)
14. Shannon Thomas v. Irvington Police Department (Essex) (2025-218)
15. James R. Smith v. NJ Department of Corrections (2025-235)
16. Ashley-Jean Meyer v. NJ Department of Education (2025-257)
17. Avinash Melkote v. Middletown Township Police Department (Monmouth) (2025-264)
18. Avinash Melkote Mahwah Police Department (Bergen) (2025-279)
19. Avinash Melkote v. Wall Township Police Department (Monmouth) (2025-297)
20. Surtirtha Bagchi v. City of Union City (Hudson) (2025-298)
21. Teresa Wickkiser v. NJ State Police (2025-329)
22. Michele Carr v. Township of Pemberton (Burlington) (2025-338)

VII. New Business – Cases Scheduled for Consent Agenda Administrative Order

An “Administrative order” means an order issued by the Council requiring the records custodian or the complainant to perform a specific action in furtherance of the adjudication of a pending denial of access complaint or taking other actions deemed appropriate to adjudicate a complaint in an expedited manner. The Executive Director’s recommended reason for the Administrative Order is under each complaint below.

A. Administrative Orders with Recusals (Consent Agenda):

1. Dan Halper v. Rutgers University (2023-141) **(RC & SR Recusal)**

B. Administrative Orders with No Recusals (Consent Agenda):

VIII. New Business – Cases Scheduled for Individual Complaint Adjudication

The Executive Director’s recommended action is under each complaint below.

A. Individual Complaint Adjudications with Recusals:

1. Perrault Jean Paul v. City of Jersey City (Hudson) (2022-317) **(SR Recusal)**
2. Kevin Lawrence Conley v. County of Hudson (2022-438) **(SR Recusal)**
3. Scott Madlinger v. City of Jersey City (Hudson) (2022-525) **(SR Recusal)**
4. Andre Graves-Byrd v. NJ Department of Corrections (2022-608) **(SR Recusal)**
5. Brian Scott Morton v. NJ Civil Service Commission (2023-138) **(SR Recusal)**
6. John Paff v. Township of Edison (Middlesex) (2023-168) **(SR Recusal)**
7. John Paff v. City of Jersey City (Hudson) (2023-252) **(SR Recusal)**
8. Vincent Dixon v. City of Hoboken (Hudson) (2023-296) **(SR Recusal)**
9. James Butler v. Borough of Caldwell (Essex) (2025-85) **(SR Recusal)**
10. Maria Diamonte v. Rutgers University (2022-355) **(RC & SR Recusals)**
11. Maria Diamonte v. Rutgers University (2022-388) **(RC & SR Recusals)**
12. Maria Diamonte v. Rutgers University (2022-398) **(RC & SR Recusals)**

B. Individual Complaint Adjudications with no Recusals:

1. Gregory J. Puliti v. Township of Lawrence (Mercer) (2023-106)
2. Thomas and Nancy Ferrante v. Borough of Paramus (2023-128)
3. Veronica Gasmen v. Township of Lacey (Ocean) (2024-4)
4. Elizabeth Stochak v. Alexandria Township Board of Education (2024-35)
5. Everett Falt v. Borough of Carteret (Middlesex) (2025-196)

IX. Court Decisions of GRC Complaints on Appeal: None.

X. Complaints Adjudicated in NJ Superior Court & NJ Supreme Court:

- Vele v. Borough of Englewood Cliffs, 2025 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1935 (App. Div. 2025)

XI. Complaints Adjudicated in U.S. District Court: None.

XII. Public Comment:

The public comment period is limited to providing an opportunity for speakers to present suggestions, views and comments relevant to the Council's functions and responsibilities. In the interest of time, speakers shall be limited to **five (5) minutes** per the GRC's By-Laws. Speakers shall not be permitted to make oral or written testimony regarding pending or scheduled adjudications.*

XIII. Adjournment

*Neither attorneys nor other representatives of the parties are required to attend this meeting nor will they be permitted to make oral or written comment during the adjudication.