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NOTICE OF MEETING Government Records Council July 28, 2026

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, July 28, 2026, via Office Teams. Members of the public may attend the meeting by utilizing the following call-in information:

Telephone Number: 1-856-338-7074
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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. Closed Session

IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

June 30, 2026 Open Session Meeting Minutes

V. 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): None



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

1. Gerlando Termini v. Randolph Township School District (Morris) (2023-239)
 - Unripe Cause of Action.
2. Michael S. Barth v. Bernards Township (Somerset) (2026-106)
 - Motion to File Within Time Denied.
3. Kevin Alexander v. Somerville Police Department (Somerset) (2026-308)
 - No Records Responsive to the Request Exist.
4. Ricotson R. Dolisca v. Essex County Prosecutor's Office (2026-328)
 - Motion to File Within Time Denied.

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

1. Terrance Huetl v. County of Burlington (2023-301)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
2. Barbara Lesinski v. Asbury Park School District (Monmouth) (2025-4)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
3. Edward Ajaeb v. Port Authority of NY & NJ (2025-89)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
4. Ginevra Wilson v. Office of the Attorney General, Victims of Crime Compensation Office (2025-417)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
5. Nick Sodano v. Burlington County Prosecutor's Office (2026-16)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
6. Todd D. Ommen (o/b/o Neighbors Opposing Noise, Inc.) v. NJ Transit (2026-100)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
7. Henry A. Washington v. City of Englewood (Bergen) (2026-114)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
8. Julie Armstrong v. Middletown Township Board of Education (Monmouth) (2026-144)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
9. Klarida Papajani v. NJ Office of Administrative Law (2026-165)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
10. John Hastings v. Norwood Public School (Bergen) (2026-181)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
11. Patrick Anthony v. NJ Department of Treasury (2026-203)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
12. Yunjin Choi v. Borough of Wood-Ridge (Bergen) (2026-255)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
13. Della Scott v. City of Newark (Essex) (2026-265)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
14. Dana Coppola v. Cranbury School District (Middlesex) (2026-372)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
15. Erik Ramirez v. City of Union City (Hudson) (2026-398)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.

VI. 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): None

B. Administrative Orders with No Recusals (Consent Agenda): None

VII. 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. Joshua McGhee v. NJ Department of Corrections (2023-227) **(RBT & SR Recusal)**
 - The Custodian lawfully denied access to the requested video recording. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1; N.J.S.A. 47:1A-9(a); N.J.A.C. 10A:22-2.3(a)(14).
2. Diana Cassidy v. City of Hackensack (Bergen) (2026-46) **(SR Recusal)**
 - The Custodian lawfully denied access to the requested civilian and police officer disciplinary records. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10; Rodriguez v. Kean Univ., GRC Complaint No. 2013-296 (June 2014).
3. Jorge Fernando Diaz Rivas v. Port Authority of NY & NJ (2026-69) **(AC Recusal)**
 - The Custodian’s failure to timely respond within the extended time frame resulted in a “deemed” denial of access. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g); (i); Kohn v. Twp. of Livingston Lib. (Essex), GRC Complaint No. 2007-124 (March 2008).
 - The Custodian did not unlawfully deny access to the Complainant’s OPRA request because he certified, and the record reflects, that he disclosed all responsive records. Danis v. Garfield Bd. of Educ. (Bergen), GRC Complaint No. 2009-156, *et seq.* (Interim Order dated April 28, 2010).

B. Individual Complaint Adjudications with no Recusals:

1. Robert A. Verry v. Franklin Fire District # 1 (Somerset) (2013-196)
 - The Council should grant reconsideration of the prevailing party fee attorney issue of its own volition. N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.10(a).
 - The Council should deny reconsideration of the redaction and knowing and willful issues.
 - The Council should award prevailing party attorney’s fees in the amount of \$31,826.50 and additional cost fees in the amount of \$207.55.

2. Kevin Alexander v. Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders (2023-36)
 - The Custodian lawfully denied access to the requested inmate grievance records. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1; Yannone v. N.J. Dep't of Corr., GRC Complaint No. 2016-73 (October 2017).
3. Janice Roots v. City of Salem (Salem) (2023-194)
 - The Custodian's failure to timely respond resulted in a "deemed" denial of access. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g); (i). However, the GRC declines to order any further action because all responsive records were disclosed on September 1, 2023.
4. Bernard J. Meenan, Jr. v. Township of Edgewater Park (Burlington) (2023-286)
 - This complaint is unripe for adjudication. Sallie v. N.J. Dep't of Banking and Ins., GRC Complaint No. 2007-226 (April 2009).
5. Pamela D'Andrea v. Wall Township (Monmouth) (2024-10)
 - The Custodian lawfully denied access to the requested surveillance footage. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1; Gilleran v. Twp. of Bloomfield, 227 N.J. 159 (2016).
 - The Custodian lawfully denied access to the remainder of the OPRA request because she certified, and the record reflects, that no records exist. Pusterhofer v. N.J. Dep't of Educ., GRC Complaint No. 2005-49 (July 2005).
6. James Butler v. Borough of Caldwell (Essex) (2025-85)
 - The Custodian complied with the Council's January 27, 2026 Interim Order.
7. Andrew Cary Baldwin v. Township of Clinton (Hunterdon) (2025-293)
 - The current Custodian complied with the Council's May 28, 2026 Interim Order.
 - There is no knowing and willful violation.
8. Judson Moore v. Commercial Township (Cumberland) (2025-401)
 - The Custodian timely responded to the Complainant's OPRA request. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(e); Herron v. Twp. of Montclair, GRC Complaint No. 2006-178 (February 2007).
 - The Custodian did not unlawfully deny access to the Complainant's OPRA request because she certified, and the record reflects, that she disclosed all responsive records. Danis, GRC 2009-156, *et seq.*
9. Walter M. Marsico, Jr. v. Township of Vernon (Sussex) (2026-3)
 - The Custodian's failure to timely respond to the Complainant's request for "immediate" access records results in a "deemed" denial of access. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(e); Herron, GRC 2006-178.
 - The Custodian unlawfully denied access to the responsive records. Burnett v. Cnty. of Gloucester, 415 N.J. Super. 506, 517 (App. Div. 2010); Libertarians for Transparent Gov't v. Borough of Westwood (Bergen), GRC Complaint No. 2016-214 (Interim Order dated October 30, 2018). The Custodian shall either locate and disclose responsive records (with redactions where appropriate) or certify if no records exist.
 - The knowing and willful analysis is deferred.

10. Prakash Santhana v. Township of Holmdel (Monmouth) (2025-52)

- The Custodian lawfully denied access to the Complainant's OPRA request item Nos. 2 and 3 because she certified, and the record reflects, that no records exist. Pusterhofer, GRC 2005-49.

11. Phillip I. Brilliant v. Irvington Board of Education (Essex) (2026-53)

- The Council should dismiss the portion of the complaint regarding the Complainant's October 13, 2025 and November 7, 2025 OPRA requests because it was filed out of time. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.
- The original Custodian's failure to timely respond to the December 18, 2025 OPRA request resulted in a "deemed" denial of access. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g); (i). However, the GRC declines to order any further action because all responsive records were disclosed as part of the Statement of Information.

VIII. Court Decisions of GRC Complaints on Appeal:

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

- D.T. v. N.J. Dep't of Educ., 2026 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1599 (App. Div. July 13, 2026)

X. Complaints Adjudicated in U.S. District Court:

XI. 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.*

XII. 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.