



Minutes of the Government Records Council September 24, 2013 – Closed Session

The Council convened in closed session at 10:40 a.m. in Conference Room 129 of the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey. In attendance were: Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq. (Chairwoman), Denise Parkinson, Esq. (designee of Department of Education Commissioner Chris Cerf), and Dana Lane, Esq. (designee of Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Richard E. Constable, III).

Absent: Steven Ritardi, Esq. (public member).

Also in attendance were GRC Staff: Brandon D. Minde, Esq. (Executive Director), Rosemond Bordzoe (Secretary), Dawn R. SanFilippo, Esq. (Senior Staff Attorney), Frank Caruso (Senior Case Manager), John Stewart, Esq. (Mediator), Tim Sharkey (Staff Attorney), Samuel Rosado, Esq. (Staff Attorney), and Deputy Attorney General Debra Allen.

Ms. Parkinson made a motion and Ms. Lane seconded the motion to go into closed session. 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) to receive legal advice and discuss anticipated litigation in which the public body may become a party in the following matters:

- Deputy Attorney General Debra Allen addressed recusal issues as to when Public members are to recuse themselves. Ms. Parkinson discussed the fielding of questions from department custodians on matters not before the GRC. Ms. Tabakin discussed scenarios where recusals might be required.
- In-Camera Reviews:

Tamara White v. Monmouth Regional School District (2012-218)

Mr. Caruso introduced this matter to the Council. The Council sought and received advice from Deputy Attorney General Debra Allen.

The Council reviewed the records submitted for the *in camera* review as well as the proposed Findings & Recommendations of the Executive Director. The Council agreed to put the proposed Findings & Recommendations of the Executive Director to a vote during open session.

Ms. Parkinson made a motion and Ms. Lane seconded the motion to end the closed session. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote.

The closed session meeting concluded at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq., Chair

Date Approved: October 29, 2013