

## Minutes of the Government Records Council July 26, 2016 – Closed Session

The Council convened in closed session at 2:05 p.m. in Conference Room 129 of the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey. In attendance were: Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq. (Chairwoman), Jason Martucci, Esq. (designee of Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Charles A. Richman), and Christopher Huber, Esq. (designee of Department of Education Commissioner David C. Hespe).

Absent: Steven Ritardi, Esq. (Public Member)

Also in attendance were: Joseph Glover (Executive Director), Rosemond Bordzoe (Secretary), Frank F. Caruso (Communications Specialist/Resource Manager), John Stewart (Mediator), Ernest Bongiovanni, (Staff Attorney), Samuel Rosado (Staff Attorney), Husna Kazmir (Staff Attorney), Deputy Attorney General Debra Allen, and Deputy Attorney General Susan Scott.

Ms. Tabakin called for a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Martucci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Huber. The Council adopted the motion by a majority vote; Mr. Ritardi was absent.

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:

• Harry B. Scheeler, Jr. v. Greenwich Township (Warren) (2015-178)

The Council reviewed GRC Complaint No. 2015-178. Based on a legal issue raised by Mr. Huber and subsequent legal advice from Deputy Attorney General Scott, the Council discussed rejecting the proposed recommendation and referring the case back to the GRC for further review. DAG Scott provided a general overview of the legal issue in question, acknowledged her office's delay in providing definitive advice, and promised a final answer no later than the September 2016 meeting.

Ms. Tabakin called for a motion to end the closed session. Mr. Martucci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Huber. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The closed session meeting concluded at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq., Chair Date Approved: September 29, 2016