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NOTICE OF MEETING Government Records Council April 30, 2024

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, April 30, 2024 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

- Stephen Schnitzer, Esq. (o/b/o Vito's Trattoria, Inc.) v. NJ Transit (2016-140) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)). (SR Recusal)
- Joseph Holzli v. City of Clifton (Passaic) (2021-113) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)). (SR Recusal)

IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

March 26, 2024 Open Session Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2024 Closed 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. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data & Research Institute) v. Cherry Hill Police Department (Camden) (2022-15)
2. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data & Research Institute) v. City of Linwood Police Department (Atlantic) (2022-21)
3. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data & Research Institute) v. Northfield Police Department (Atlantic) (2022-24)
4. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data & Research Institute) v. Belmar Borough Police Department (Monmouth) (2022-63)
5. Aakash Dalal v. Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office (2024-65)
6. Laura M. Campanella v. Town of Secaucus (Hudson) (2024-77)
7. Edward Thomas Clifford, III v. Administrative Office of the Courts (2024-79)
8. Laura M. Campanella v. Town of Secaucus (Hudson) (2024-86)

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

1. Bryan Gurney v. Borough of Penns Grove (Salem) (2022-56)
 2. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data & Research Institute) v. Bayonne Police Department (Hudson) (2022-303)
 3. Shawn G. Hopkins v. Hunterdon County Board of Taxation (2023-95)
 4. Kara K. Parham v. Montville Township Board of Education (Morris) (2024-26)
 5. Diane Laudenschach v. Kingwood Township (Hunterdon) (2024-75)
 6. Diane Laudenschach v. Kingwood Township (Hunterdon) (2024-76)
- CONSOLIDATED**
7. Kevin Kearns v. Borough of Sea Bright Police Department (Monmouth) (2024-87)
 8. Scott Betsy v. City of Newark (Essex) (2024-88)

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. Stephen Schnitzer, Esq. (o/b/o Vito’s Trattoria, Inc.) v. NJ Transit (2016-140) **(SR Recusal)**
2. Joseph Holzli v. City of Clifton (Passaic) (2021-113) **(SR Recusal)**
3. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data & Research Institute) v. City of Bayonne (Hudson) (2021-213) **(SR Recusal)**
4. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data & Research Institute) v. City of Bayonne (Hudson) (2021-214) **(SR Recusal)**
5. Jason Ritchwood v. Village of South Orange (Essex) (2022-435) **(SR Recusal)**

B. Individual Complaint Adjudications with no Recusals:

1. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o Grace Woko) v. Mount Holly Township Police Department (Burlington) (2021-71)
2. Marybeth Maida v. Borough of Red Bank (Monmouth) (2021-229)
3. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data & Research Institute) v. Runnemede Police Department (Camden) (2022-13)
4. Peter Michel v. Borough of Washington (Warren) (2022-27)
5. Gerlando Termini v. Randolph Township School District (Morris) (2022-37)
6. Rachel Leigh Adelman, Esq. (o/b/o Bound Brook Education Association) v. Borough of Bound Brook (Somerset) (2022-38)
7. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data & Research Institute) v. Raritan Police Department (Hunterdon) (2022-48)
8. Douglas Harle v. New Milford Board of Education (Bergen) (2022-161)
9. Douglas Harle v. New Milford Board of Education (Bergen) (2022-173)
10. Robert Walden v. North Bergen Board of Education (Hudson) (2022-294)
11. Maurice Bronson v. Township of Irvington (Essex) (2022-556)
12. Saul Jaffe v. City of Passaic (Passaic) (2022-560)
13. Linda Kent v. City of Estell Manor (Atlantic) (2022-629)
14. Linda Kent v. City of Estell Manor (Atlantic) (2022-630) **CONSOLIDATED**
15. Kevin Alexander v. NJ Department of Corrections (2022-645)

VIII. Court Decisions of GRC Complaints on Appeal:

- Cauthen v. N.J. Dep’t of Corr., 2024 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 506 (App. Div. 2024)

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

- Williams v. Mercer Cnty. Bd. of Elections, 2024 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 568 (App. Div. 2024)
- Benigno v. N.J. Off. of the State Comptroller, 2024 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 637 (App. Div. 2024)
- Afr. Am. Data & Rsch. Inst. “AADARI”, LLC v. Hitchner, 2024 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 597 (App. Div. 2024)
- ACLU of N.J. v. Cnty. Prosecutors Ass'n of N.J., 2024 N.J. LEXIS 365 (2024)

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 may be limited to **five (5) minutes**. 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.