

## Minutes of the Government Records Council June 27, 2017 – Closed Session

The Council convened in closed session at 1:45 p.m. in Conference Room 129 of the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey. In attendance were: Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq. (Chairwoman), Christopher Huber, Esq. (designee of Department of Education Acting Commissioner Kimberley Harrington), Jason Martucci, Esq. (designee of Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Charles A. Richman), and Steven Ritardi, Esq. (Public Member)

## \*\*\*Mr. Ritardi participated in the closed session telephonically only to the extent that the Council discussed 2015-333.\*\*\*

Also in attendance were GRC Staff: Joseph Glover (Executive Director), Rosemond Bordzoe (Secretary), Frank F. Caruso (Communications Specialist/Resource Manager), John Stewart (Mediator), Samuel Rosado (Staff Attorney), and Deputy Attorney General Cameryn Hinton.

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

The Council met in closed session pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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:

- Michael Doss v. Borough of Bogota (Bergen) (2013-315) (SR Recusal)
- Michael Doss v. Borough of Bogota (Bergen) (2014-152) (SR Recusal)
- Consolidated
- Jeffrey S. Feld v. NJ Division of Local Government Services (2015-333) (JM Recusal)

Mr. Stewart introduced GRC Complaint Nos. 2013-315 and 2014-152 to the Council. The Council confirmed the final date to accept, reject, or modify the OAL's Initial Decision. The Council discussed how the parties in the case were notified of the knowing and willful violation. The Council sought and received legal advice from DAG Hinton regarding parties' obligations under OPRA.

Mr. Caruso introduced 2015-333 to the Council. The Council reviewed the records *in camera* and sought and received legal advice from DAG Hinton regarding exempt records. The Council reviewed the conclusions as written.

Ms. Tabakin called for a motion to end the closed session. Mr. Huber made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Martucci. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The closed session meeting concluded at 2:31 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted:** 

Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq., Chair

Date Approved: July 25, 2017