



Minutes of the Government Records Council February 21, 2017 – Closed Session

The Council convened in closed session at 1:41 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 Commissioner David C. Hespe), Jason Martucci, Esq. (designee of Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Charles A. Richman), and Steven Ritardi, Esq. (Public Member).

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), Husna Kazmir (Staff Attorney), and Deputy Attorney General Debra Allen.

Ms. Tabakin called for a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Martucci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ritardi. 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:

- Dudley Burdge v. NJ Office of Information Technology (2014-179)
- Jeff Carter v. Franklin Fire District No. 1 (Somerset) (2014-218) (**JM Recusal**)
- Jeff Carter v. Franklin Fire District No. 1 (Somerset) (2014-219) (**JM Recusal**)
Consolidated
- Law Offices of Walter Luers, LLC (o/b/o C.C.) v. Eastern Camden County Regional School District (2015-15)

Mr. Rosado introduced GRC Complaint No. 2014-179 to the Council. DAG Allen provided legal advice, and the Council reviewed the records *in camera*. The Council agreed with the conclusions as written.

Mr. Caruso introduced GRC Complaint Nos. 2014-218 and 2014-219 to the Council. The Council sought and received legal advice from DAG Allen and reviewed records *in camera*. The Council agreed with the conclusions as written.

Mr. Caruso introduced GRC Complaint No. 2015-15 to the Council, and the Council reviewed the records *in camera*. Mr. Huber provided additional background on school practices of disclosing settlement agreements. Mr. Ritardi asked Ms. Allen whether student information is protected at the Office of Administrative Law. Ms. Tabakin added dialogue about redaction of student information. DAG Allen provided legal advice and her views on how the Council previously handled complaints involving similar records.

Ms. Tabakin called for a motion to end the closed session. Mr. Martucci made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ritardi. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The closed session meeting concluded at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq., Chair

Date Approved: March 28, 2017