



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL
Administrative Order – *In Camera* Review

Michael Graham
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2022-275

v.

Ramapo College of New Jersey
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Patricia Chavez
Request Received by Custodian: June 2, 2022
GRC Complaint Received: June 20, 2022

Order: The GRC must conduct an *in camera* review of the responsive redacted incident reports to determine the validity of the Custodian's assertion that those records were lawfully redacted under the cited exemptions. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1; N.J.S.A. 47:1A-9(a). See Paff v. N.J. Dep't of Labor, Bd. of Review, 379 N.J. Super. 346, 355 (App. Div. 2005). **Thus, the Custodian shall deliver¹ to the Council in a sealed envelope nine (9) copies of the requested unredacted e-mails, nine (9) copies of the redacted e-mails, a document or redaction index.²**

This is an Administrative Order requiring compliance within ten (10) business days after receipt thereof. The Custodian shall also simultaneously deliver³ certified confirmation of compliance with this Order, in accordance with N.J. Court Rules, R. 1:4-4,⁴ to the Executive Director.

Effective Date of Disposition: February 28, 2023

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Staff Attorney

Date: February 21, 2023

Distribution Date: March 2, 2023

¹ The *in camera* records may be sent overnight mail, regular mail, or be hand-delivered, at the discretion of the Custodian, as long as the GRC physically receives them by the deadline.

² The document or redaction index should identify the record and/or each redaction asserted and the lawful basis for the denial.

³ The certified confirmation of compliance, including supporting documentation, may be sent overnight mail, regular mail, e-mail, facsimile, or be hand-delivered, at the discretion of the Custodian, as long as the GRC physically receives it by the deadline.

⁴ "I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment."