



**Minutes of the Government Records Council  
December 15, 2015 – Closed Session**

The Council convened in closed session at 1:58 p.m. in Conference Room 129 of the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey. In attendance were: Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq. (Chairwoman), Dominic Rota, Esq. (designee of Department of Education Commissioner David C. Hespe), Jason Martucci, Esq. (designee of Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Charles A. Richman).

Absent: 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), Ernest Bongiovanni, (Staff Attorney), Samuel Rosado, (Staff Attorney), Husna Kazmir (Staff Attorney), Deputy Attorney General Debra Allen.

Mr. Rota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martucci, to go into closed session. 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:

- Jeff Carter v. Franklin Township Fire District No. 2 (Somerset) (2011-382)

DAG Allen introduced GRC Complaint No. 2011-382 to the Council (currently on appeal). DAG Allen provided legal advice regarding the Council's participation in settlement agreements between parties where cases were on appeal. Ms. Tabakin asked for clarification as to the parties' positions, which DAG Allen provided along with options for the Council to consider. Mr. Rota asked for further detail of a few of the options, which DAG Allen provided legal advice. The Council requested that DAG Allen obtain more information regarding the facts of the complaint prior to which DAG Allen agreed.

Mr. Rota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martucci, to end the closed session. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The closed session meeting concluded at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq., Chair

Date Approved: January 26, 2016