



**Minutes of the Government Records Council
May 24, 2016 – Closed Session**

The Council convened in closed session at 1:50 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), Ernest Bongiovanni, (Staff Attorney), Samuel Rosado (Staff Attorney), Husna Kazmir (Staff Attorney), Deputy Attorney General Debra Allen, Deputy Attorney General Susan Scott, Deputy Attorney General Brian Kerr, and Deputy Attorney General Cameryn Hinton.

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

- Michael Doss v. Borough of Bogota (Bergen) (2013-315) **(SR Recusal)**
- Michael Doss v. Borough of Bogota (Bergen) (2014-152) **(SR Recusal)**
Consolidated

- J.C. McCormack v. NJ Department of Treasury (2013-357)

- Shawn G. Hopkins v. Monmouth County Board of Taxation (2014-1) **(RBT Recusal)**
- Shawn G. Hopkins v. Sussex County Board of Taxation (2014-10) **(RBT Recusal)**
- Shawn G. Hopkins v. Morris County Board of Taxation (2014-11) **(RBT and SR Recusals) Consolidated**

Mr. Caruso introduced GRC Complaint Nos. 2014-01, 2014-10 and 2014-11 to the Council. Ms. Tabakin noted that recusals required her to abstain from the matter. DAG Allen provided advice regarding the current state of the consolidated complaint. The Council questioned DAG Allen as to the prospective process. DAG Allen provided advice on this issue. The Council agreed to table the consolidated matter for further review.

DAG Allen introduced GRC Complaint Nos. 2013-315 and 2014-152 to the Council and provided legal advice as to their options for adjudicating the consolidated complaint. The

Council provided their individual thoughts about the consolidated complaint and agreed to table this matter.

Mr. Caruso introduced GRC Complaint No. 2013-357 to the Council. The Council reviewed records *in camera*. The Council reviewed the records *in camera* and agreed with the proposed recommendations as written.

Ms. Tabakin called for a motion to end the closed session. Mr. Martucci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ritardi. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The closed session meeting concluded at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq., Chair

Date Approved: June 28, 2016