

Minutes of the Government Records Council February 23, 2021 Public Meeting – Open Session

I. Public Session:

• Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Ms. Robin Berg Tabakin via Microsoft Teams.

• Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and recited the pledge of allegiance in salute to the American flag.

Meeting Notice

Ms. Tabakin read the following Open Public Meetings Act statement:

"This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act. Notices of this meeting were faxed to the Newark Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier-Post (Cherry Hill), and the Secretary of State on February 18, 2021.

• Roll Call

Ms. Bordzoe called the roll:

Present: Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq. (Chairwoman), Jennifer Simons, Esq. (designee of Department of Education Acting Commissioner Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan), Gina Trish (designee of Department of Community Affairs Commissioner, Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver), and Steven Ritardi, Esq., Public Member.

GRC Staff in Attendance: Frank F. Caruso (Executive Director), Rosemond Bordzoe (Secretary), John Stewart (Mediator), Samuel Rosado (Staff Attorney), and Deputy Attorney General Debra Allen.

II. Executive Director's Report:

Daniel's Law

"Daniel's Law" was signed into law by Governor Murphy on November 22, 2020. P.L.2020, c.125. That law was enacted to protect the addresses and other personal information of current, former, or retired judicial officers, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers (eighteen (18)

months later) and their immediate families. Of pertinent note to the Council, it amended OPRA to allow custodians to redact primary and secondary addresses of any individuals falling within the forgoing categories.

The resulting questions thereafter from all levels of government recently spurned the Legislature to propose an amendment that would delay enactment of the law until December 10, 2021. <u>See</u> S3453. In about two (2) weeks' time, the bill was passed through committee, substituted for A5359, and signed into law on February 22, 2021. P.L.2021, c.24. Thus, agencies will have some additional time to determine the full impact of "Daniel's Law" on their day-to-day operations, as well as when addressing OPRA requests.

Current Statistics

- Since OPRA's inception in July 2002, the GRC has received 5,641 Denial of Access Complaints. That averages about 305 annual complaints per a little more than 18 1/2 program years. So far in the current program year (FY2021), the GRC has received 170 Denial of Access Complaints.
- 366 of the 5,641 complaints remain open and active (6.5%). Of those open cases:
 - \circ 2 complaints are on appeal with the Appellate Division (0.5%);
 - o 22 complaints are currently in mediation (6.0%);
 - o 2 complaint are proposed for the Office of Administrative Law (0.5%);
 - o 31 complaints await adjudication by the Office of Administrative Law (8.5%);
 - o 88 complaints are tentatively scheduled for adjudication at an upcoming GRC meeting, which includes the current meeting (24.0%);
 - o 221 complaints are work in progress (60.4%); and
 - o 0 complaints are being held in abeyance (0.0%).
- Since Program Year 2004, the GRC has received and responded to 33,484 total inquiries, averaging about 1,913 annual inquiries per a little more than 17 1/2 tracked program years (the GRC did not track inquiries in the agency's first year). So far in the current program year (FY2021), the GRC has received 1,096 inquiries (6.9 inquiries per workday).

III. Closed Session:

- Rick Robinson v. NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (2015-410) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)).
- Joseph M. Longo v. Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority (2018-124) *In Camera* Review (N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.8(g)).

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to go into closed session. Ms. Simons made a motion, and Mr. Ritardi seconded the motion. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. The Council met in closed session from 1:39 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to end the closed session. Ms. Simons made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Trish. The Council adopted the motion by a unanimous vote. Open Session reconvened at 2:02 p.m., and Ms. Bordzoe called roll.

• Present: Ms. Berg Tabakin, Ms. Simons, Ms. Trish, and Mr. Ritardi

IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

January 26, 2021 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to approve the draft open session minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting. Ms. Simons made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Trish. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

January 26, 2021 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to approve the draft Closed session minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting. Ms. Simons made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Trish. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

V. New Business - Cases Scheduled for Adjudication

Ms. Berg Tabakin stated that an "Administrative Complaint Disposition" means a decision by the Council as to whether to accept or reject the Executive Director's recommendation of dismissal based on jurisdictional, procedural, or other defects of the complaint. The reason for the Administrative Disposition is under each complaint below:

A. Administrative Disposition Adjudications with Recusals (Consent Agenda): None

B. Administrative Disposition Adjudications with no Recusals (Consent Agenda):

- 1. Scott Madlinger v. Berkeley Township Police Department (Ocean) (2020-246)
 - All Records Responsive Provided in a Timely Manner.
- 2. Scott Madlinger v. Berkeley Township (Ocean) (2021-4)
 - All Records Responsive Provided in a Timely Manner.

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the recommendations as written in all the above Administrative Complaint Dispositions. Ms. Simons made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Trish. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- C. Administrative Disposition of Uncontested, Voluntary Withdrawals by Complainant (No Adjudication of the Council is Required):
 - 1. Tony Paskitti v. Township of Aberdeen (Monmouth) (2020-12)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
 - 2. <u>David Weiner v. County of Essex</u> (2020-155)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
 - 3. David Weiner v. County of Essex (2020-156)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
 - 4. <u>David Weiner v. County of Essex</u> (2020-160)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
 - 5. Ryan Felton v. NJ Department of Environmental Protection (2020-178)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
 - 6. David Weiner v. County of Essex (2020-180)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
 - 7. <u>David Weiner v. County of Essex</u> (2020-181)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
 - 8. David Weiner v. County of Essex (2020-184)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
 - 9. <u>David Weiner v. County of Essex</u> (2020-187)
 - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
 - 10. Brian F. McBride v. Township of Washington (Gloucester) (2020-235)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
 - 11. Brian F. McBride v. Montclair Public Schools (Essex) (2020-243)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
 - 12. Brian F. McBride v. City of Wildwood (Cape May) (2021-24)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
 - 13. Brian F. McBride v. Camden County Prosecutor's Office (2021-25)
 - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.

VI. New Business - Cases Scheduled for Individual Complaint Adjudication

A. Individual Complaint Adjudications with Recusals:

Ms. Berg Tabakin noted that Mr. Ritardi would be muted for Agenda item No. 1 to ensure his non-participation in this item from which he was recused. Ms. Berg Tabakin confirmed to the public that Mr. Ritardi was muted prior to addressing the below agenda item.

A brief summary of the Executive Director's recommended action is under each complaint:

1. Ali Ibn Karim v. Essex County Prosecutor's Office (2020-22) (SR Recusal)

• The Custodian lawfully denied access to the Complainant's OPRA request seeking interview statements. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1; N. Jersey Media Grp, Inc. v. Twp. of Lyndhurst, 229 N.J. 541 (2017); Parker v. Essex Cnty. Prosecutor's Office, GRC Complaint No. 2009-225 (October 2010).

 Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote; Mr. Ritardi recused.

Ms. Berg Tabakin notified the public that Mr. Ritardi would rejoin the meeting by unmuting himself. Mr. Ritardi rejoined the meeting at that time.

B. Individual Complaint Adjudications with no Recusals:

1. <u>Rick Robinson v. NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance</u> and Health Services (2015-410)

- The Council should table this complaint for further review.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to table the above complaint. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Richard A. Cielesz v. NJ State SPCA (2017-218)

- The Council should accept the Administrative Law Judge's decision to dismiss this complaint without prejudice.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

3. <u>David Scott Carew v. City of Woodbury (Gloucester)</u> (2018-47)

- The current Custodian complied with the Council's January 26, 2021 Interim Order.
- There is no knowing and willful violation.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Joseph M. Longo v. Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority (2018-124)

- The Custodian complied with the Council's May 19, 2020 Interim Order.
- The *In Camera* examination revealed that the Custodian lawfully denied access to the responsive "bid breakdown." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1; Newark Morning Ledger Co. v. N.J. Sports & Exposition Auth., 423 N.J. Super. 140, 169 (App. Div. 2011); Commc'ns Workers of America v. Rousseau, 417 N.J. Super. 341, 361 (App. Div. 2010).

• Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Roimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o Baffi Simmons and African American Data and Research Institute) v. Lower Township Police Department (Cape May) (2018-201)

- The Custodian lawfully denied access to the Complainant's OPRA request. Simmons v. Mercado, 464 N.J. Super. 77 (App. Div. 2020).
- The Complainant is not a prevailing party.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

6. <u>Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data and Research Institute) v.</u> Borough of Washington (Warren) (2018-281)

- The Custodian unlawfully denied access to the requested records based on a shared services agreement. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6; Burnett v. Cnty. of Gloucester, 415 N.J. Super. 506 (App. Div. 2010); Michalak v. Borough of Helmetta (Middlesex), GRC Complaint No. 2010-220 (Interim Order dated January 31, 2012). However, the Council should decline to order disclosure because the Complainant acknowledged receipt of said records on March 20, 2019.
- There is no knowing and willful violation.
- The Complainant is not a prevailing party. <u>Nuckel v. N.J. Econ. Dev. Auth.</u>, 2020 <u>N.J. Super.</u> Unpub. LEXIS 948, 6-7 (App. Div. 2020).
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Christopher C. McFarland v. NJ Institute of Technology (2018-289)

- The Custodian complied with the Council's January 26, 2021 Interim Order.
- There is no knowing and willful violation.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8. Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data and Research Institute) v. City of Camden (Camden) (2018-291)

9. <u>Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data and Research Institute) v. City of Camden (2018-306) Consolidated</u>

- The Council should deny the Custodian's request for reconsideration. The Council's November 10, 2020 Interim Order remains in effect.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Shane P. Walsh v. NJ Office of the Governor (2019-26)

- The Custodian's failure to timely respond resulted in a "deemed" denial of access. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g); N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i).
- The Complainant's request is invalid because it failed to identify specific government records. MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005); Armenti v. Robbinsville Bd. of Educ. (Mercer), GRC Complaint No. 2009-154 (Interim Order dated May 24, 2011).
- There is no knowing and willful violation.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

11. <u>Rotimi Owoh, Esq. (o/b/o African American Data and Research Institute) v. Stockton Borough (Hunterdon) (2019-35)</u>

- The Custodian may have unlawfully denied access to the requested records based on a shared services agreement. <u>Burnett</u>, 415 <u>N.J. Super.</u> 506; <u>Michalak</u>, GRC 2010-220.
- The knowing and willful and prevailing party analyses are deferred.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

12. Carol Scutro v. County of Union (2019-41)

- The Custodian failed to comply with the Council's Interim Order.
- This complaint should be referred to the Office of Administrative Law based on contested facts.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as

written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

13. Alberto Larotonda v. Borough of Red Bank (Monmouth) (2019-97)

- The Custodian did not fully comply with the Council's November 10, 2020 Interim Order.
- Although the Custodian unlawfully denied access to some portions of the responsive e-mails, the Council should decline to order disclosure because the Complainant already received them from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- There is no knowing and willful violation.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

14. Jonathan L. Leitman, Esq. v. Borough of Paramus (Bergen) (2019-127)

- The Council should table this complaint for further review.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to table the above complaint. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

15. Robert C. Scutro v. City of Linden (Union) (2019-167)

- The Custodian's failure to timely respond resulted in a "deemed" denial of access. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g); N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i). However, the Council should decline to order disclosure because the Custodian did so on September 23, 2019.
- There is no knowing and willful violation.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

16. Robert C. Scutro v. City of Linden (Union) (2019-179)

- The Custodian's failure to timely respond resulted in a "deemed" denial of access. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g); N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i).
- The portion of the Complainant's request seeking a "full detail" of each case handled by Chasan, Lamparello, Mallon & Cappuzzo, P.C. is invalid because it sought information. MAG, 375 N.J. Super. 534; LaMantia v. Jamesburg Pub. Library (Middlesex), GRC Complaint No. 2008-140 (February 2009).
- The Custodian did not deny access to the remainder of the OPRA request because she disclosed the only record that existed. <u>Danis v. Garfield Bd. of Educ.</u> (Bergen), GRC Complaint No. 2009-156, *et seq.* (Interim Order dated April 28, 2010).
- There is no knowing and willful violation.

 Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

17. Robert C. Scutro v. City of Linden (Union) (2019-180)

- The Custodian's response was insufficient because she failed to respond to each request item. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g); N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(i); Paff v. Willingboro Bd. of Educ. (Burlington), GRC Complaint No. 2007-272 (May 2008). Thus, the Custodian may have unlawfully denied access responsive records and most disclose those located after a sufficient search. Should no records exist, the Custodian shall certify to this fact.
- The knowing and willful analysis is deferred.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

18. <u>David O'Sullivan v. Borough of Montvale (Bergen)</u> (2019-193)

- The Custodian's response was insufficient because she failed to provide a specific lawful basis for the redacted portions of the responsive executive session minutes.
 N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g); Paff v. Borough of Lavallette, GRC Complaint No. 2007-209 (Interim Order dated June 25, 2008).
- The GRC must conduct an *in camera* review of the redacted minutes to determine the validity of the Custodian's assertion that same are exempt under the attorney-client privilege, "inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative, or deliberative material," and personnel exemptions. Paff v. N.J. Dep't of Labor, Bd. of Review, 379 N.J. Super. 346 (App. Div. 2005).
- The knowing and willful and prevailing party analyses are deferred.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

19. Mario Drozdz v. Township of Belleville (Essex) (2019-194)

- The Custodian complied with the Council's January 26, 2021 Interim Order.
- There is no knowing and willful violation.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

20. James Pappas v. West Morris Regional High School District (Morris) (2019-229)

- The portion of the Complainant's request seeking "any and all records" including "files, documents . . . memos, e-mails, text messages" and "everything involving" "Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying" allegations filed on behalf of F.P. is invalid because it failed to identify a specific record or include the required criteria. MAG, 375 N.J. Super. 534; Lewis-Gallagher v. Monroe Twp. Pub. Sch. Dist. (Gloucester), GRC Complaint No. 2018-8 (September 2019).
- The Custodian unlawfully denied access to reports, notes and electronic audio and video recordings on the basis that the Complainant was an excepted person under N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5(e)(1). See L.R. v. Camden City Pub. Sch. Dist., 452 N.J. Super. 56 (App. Div. 2017). The Custodian shall search for responsive records and either: 1) provide them for *in camera* review; or 2) certify if no records exist.
- The knowing and willful analysis is deferred.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

21. Kevin Alexander v. NJ Office of the Public Defender (2020-2)

- The Custodian lawfully denied access to the requested letters under N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(k). N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6; Lemon v. Office of the Pub. Defender, GRC Complaint No. 2015-297 (November 2015).
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

22. Kevin Alexander v. NJ Office of the Public Defender (2020-3)

- The Custodian lawfully denied access to the requested letters under <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-5(k). <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-6; <u>Lemon</u>, GRC 2015-297.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

23. Quinn Latney v. NJ Office of the Public Defender (2020-4)

- The Custodian lawfully denied access to the requested letters under <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-5(k). N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6; Lemon, GRC 2015-297.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

24. Michael Camacho v. NJ Department of Corrections (2020-6)

- The GRC must conduct an *in camera* review of the requested correspondence to determine the validity of the Custodian's assertion that same are exempt under N.J.A.C. 10A:22-2.3(a)(4). Paff, 379 N.J. Super. 346.
- The knowing and willful analysis is deferred.
- Ms. Berg Tabakin called for any discussion on the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Hearing none, Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to accept the Executive Director's findings and recommendations as written. Ms. Simons made a motion and Ms. Trish seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

25. Luis F. Rodriguez v. Kean University (2020-26)

- The Custodian's extensions were warranted and substantiated. <u>Ciccarone v. N.J.</u> <u>Dep't of Treasury</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2013-280 (Interim Order dated July 29, 2014).
- The Custodian lawfully denied access to the Complainant's OPRA request because no records exist. <u>Pusterhofer v. N.J. Dep't of Educ.</u>, GRC Complaint No. 2005-49 (July 2005).

VII. Court Decisions of GRC Complaints on Appeal: None

VIII. Complaints Adjudicated in NJ Superior Court & NJ Supreme Court: None

X. Public Comment:

- Mr. Michael Butler: Mr. Butler asked if the GRC issues orders memorializing its decisions. Ms. Berg-Tabakin confirmed that the decisions are sent out. Mr. Caruso added that all decisions would be simultaneously mailed to the parties within five (5) to ten (10) business days from the meeting date.
- Mr. Joseph Longo (GRC Complaint No. 2018-124): Mr. Longo asked if there is an appeal process. Ms. Berg-Tabakin identified the available options and Mr. Caruso noted that decision cover letters include information on how to pursue them.

XI. Adjournment:

Ms. Berg Tabakin called for a motion to end the Council meeting. Ms. Simons made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Trish. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.	
Respectfully submitted,	
Robin Berg Tabakin, Esq., Chair	Date Approved: March 30, 2021