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NOTICE OF MEETING
Government Records Council
November 5, 2026

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the Government Records Council will hold a regular meeting, at which formal action may be taken, commencing at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, November 5, 2026, via Office Teams. Members of the public may attend the meeting by utilizing the following call-in information:

Telephone Number: 1-856-338-7074
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The agenda, to the extent presently known, is listed below. The public session and consideration of cases is expected to commence at 1:30 p.m. remotely.

I. Public Session:

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting Notice
Roll Call

II. Executive Director's Report

III. Closed Session

- Shante Coleman v. Newark Housing Authority (Essex) (2025-228) Legal Advice (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)).

IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

September 29, 2026 Open Session Meeting Minutes

V. New Business – Cases Scheduled for Consent Agenda Administrative Complaint Disposition Adjudication *

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 Executive Director's recommended reason for the Administrative Disposition is under each complaint below.

A. Administrative Disposition Adjudications with Recusals (Consent Agenda):

1. Maureen Chandra v. City of Jersey City (Hudson) (2025-316) **(SR Recusal)**
    - Complaint Untimely Filed.
2. Laura Piotrowski Gomez v. City of Jersey City (Hudson) (2025-324) **(SR Recusal)**
    - Complaint Untimely Filed.

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

1. Alfred Tard-El v. West Windsor Township (Mercer) (2025-385)
    - No Records Responsive to the Request Exist.
2. David Weiner v. County of Essex (2025-393)
    - All Records Responsive Provided in a Timely Manner.
3. Alfred Tard-El v. Borough of Pennington (Mercer) (2025-394)
    - All Records Responsive Provided in a Timely Manner.
4. Everett Falt v. Borough of Roselle (Union) (2025-428)
    - Unripe Cause of Action.
5. Alfred Tard-El v. Municipality of Princeton (Mercer) (2025-433)
    - All Records Responsive Provided in a Timely Manner.
6. Alfred Tard-El v. Robbinsville Township (Mercer) (2025-434)
    - All Records Responsive Provided in a Timely Manner.
7. Alfred Tard-El v. Borough of Hightstown (Mercer) (2025-435)
    - All Records Responsive Provided in a Timely Manner.
8. Kevin Conley v. NJ Division of Criminal Justice (2026-172)
    - No Correspondence Received by the Custodian.
9. Damon Boyer v. Rockaway Township (Morris) (2026-199)
    - No Records Responsive to the Request Exist.

C. Administrative Disposition Adjudications – Summary Judgement with Recusals (Voice Vote):

1. Dontella Simone Rone v. City of Newark (Essex) (2025-291) **(SR Recusal)**
    - "Deemed" denial of access.
    - Lawful denial. N.J.S.A. 2C:25-33; Vanbree v. Bridgewater Twp. Police Dep't (Somerset), GRC Complaint No. 2014-122 (October 2014).

D. Administrative Disposition Adjudications – Summary Judgement with No Recusals (Voice Vote):

1. Kareem P. Prunty, Sr. v. Linden Police Department (Union) (2024-156)
    - Failure to submit a Statement of Information ("SOI"). N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.4(h).
    - Records exempt under the criminal investigatory exemption. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

2. John A. Dapkins, Jr. v. Point Pleasant Borough Board of Education (Ocean) (2025-86)
    - Lawful denial of access. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-9(a); N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19; N.J.A.C. 6A:32-21 and 7.1, *et seq.*

3. Steven Van Wingerden v. Rockaway Township (Morris) (2025-134)
    - "Deemed" denial of access.
    - All responsive records provided. Danis v. Garfield Bd. of Educ. (Bergen), GRC Complaint No. 2009-156, *et seq.* (Interim Order dated April 28, 2010)

4. John A. Dapkins, Jr. v. Point Pleasant Borough Board of Education (Ocean) (2025-179)
    - Invalid request for correspondence. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(g).

5. Kelly Langan v. Howell Township Public Schools (Monmouth) (2025-231)
    - All responsive records to OPRA request item Nos. 1 and 6 provided. Danis, GRC 2009-156, *et seq.*
    - No records exist to OPRA request item Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5. Pusterhofer v. N.J. Dep't of Educ., GRC Complaint No. 2005-49 (July 2005).

6. Everett Falt v. Borough of Roselle (Union) (2025-299)
    - Insufficient search. Schneble v. N.J. Dep't of Envtl. Prot., GRC Complaint No. 2007-220 (April 2008).

7. David Weiner v. County of Essex (2025-403)
    - "Deemed" denial of access.

8. Alfred Tard-El v. Township of East Windsor (Mercer) (2025-432)
    - "Deemed" denial of access.
    - No records exist. Pusterhofer, GRC 2005-49.

9. Alfred Tard-El v. West Windsor Township (Mercer) (2025-437)
    - All responsive records to OPRA request item Nos. 2 and 3 provided. Danis, GRC 2009-156, *et seq.*
    - No records exist to OPRA request item Nos. 1 and 4. Pusterhofer, GRC 2005-49.

10. Alfred Tard-El v. City of Trenton (Mercer) (2026-548)
    - Failure to submit an SOI. N.J.A.C. 5:105-2.4(h).
    - Disclosure order.

E. Administrative Disposition Uncontested, Voluntary Withdrawals by Complainant (No Adjudication of the Council is Required):

1. Avinash Melkote v. Hazlet Township (Monmouth) (2025-58)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
2. Jose L. Gonzalez, Jr. v. Trenton Housing Authority (Mercer) (2025-191)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
3. Shante Coleman v. Newark Housing Authority (Essex) (2025-228)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
4. David Malek v. NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing & Community Resources (2025-258)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.

5. Jaime L. Birch, Esq. (o/b/o United Airlines, Inc) v. Port Authority of NY & NJ (2025-344)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
6. Mario Ariemma v. NJ Department of Education (2026-274)
    - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
7. Luke T. Radick v. Mount Olive Township Health Department (Morris) (2026-425)
    - Complaint Settled in Mediation.
8. James W. McClary v. NJ Office of the Attorney General (2026-464)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
9. Hugo Fernandes v. City of Jersey City (Hudson) (2025-513)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
10. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. New Brunswick Board of Education (Middlesex) (2026-524)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
11. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Sayreville Board of Education (Middlesex) (2026-526)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
12. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. River Vale Board of Education (Bergen) (2026-527)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
13. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Willingboro Board of Education (Burlington) (2026-528)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
14. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Roselle Park Board of Education (Union) (2026-529)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
15. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Jamesburg Board of Education (Middlesex) (2026-540)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
16. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. South Plainfield Board of Education (Middlesex) (2026-542)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
17. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Elk Township Board of Education (Gloucester) (2026-544)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
18. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. West New York Board of Education (Hudson) (2026-545)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
19. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Bayonne Board of Education (Hudson) (2026-546)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
20. Julie Lendino v. Borough of Haledon (Passaic) (2026-552)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
21. David J. Durling v. NJ Department of Corrections (2026-583)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
22. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Point Pleasant Beach Board of Education (Ocean) (2026-588)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.

23. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Morris Board of Education (Morris) (2026-590)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
24. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. South River Board of Education (Middlesex) (2026-592)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
25. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Tuckerton Board of Education (Ocean) (2026-593)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
26. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Winslow Township Board of Education (Camden) (2026-594)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
27. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. New Hanover Township Board of Education (Burlington) (2026-595)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
28. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. City of Burlington Board of Education (Burlington) (2026-596)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
29. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Deptford Township Board of Education (Gloucester) (2026-597)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
30. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Flemington-Raritan Regional Board of Education (Hunterdon) (2026-598)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
31. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Pennsauken Board of Education (Camden) (2026-599)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.
32. Cristofer Slotoroff (o/b/o HipNoPaideia T&L, LLC) v. Camden City Board of Education (Camden) (2026-600)
    - Complaint Voluntarily Withdrawn.

VI. New Business – Cases Scheduled for Consent Agenda Administrative Order

An "Administrative order" means an order issued by the Council requiring the records custodian or the complainant to perform a specific action in furtherance of the adjudication of a pending denial of access complaint or taking other actions deemed appropriate to adjudicate a complaint in an expedited manner. The Executive Director's recommended reason for the Administrative Order is under each complaint below.

A. Administrative Orders with Recusals (Consent Agenda): None

B. Administrative Orders with No Recusals (Consent Agenda):

1. Jessica Meyer v. Marlboro Township Board of Education (Monmouth) (2026-407)
    - *In Camera* Review.
2. Jessica Meyer v. Marlboro Township Board of Education (Monmouth) (2026-408)
    - *In Camera* Review.

VII. New Business – Cases Scheduled for Individual Complaint Adjudication

The Executive Director's recommended action is under each complaint below.

A. Individual Complaint Adjudications with Recusals:

1. Edwin Sheppard v. Cape May County (2016-195) **(SR Recusal)**
    - The request for reconsideration is denied.

2. Edwin Sheppard v. Cape May County (2017-179) **(SR Recusal)**
    - The Council should reconsider on its own volition its June 25, 2019 Interim Order conclusion No. 1 by rescinding same and proceeding with the remaining deferred issues.
    - The Complainant's request is invalid because it failed to identify specific records and also failed to include the necessary correspondence criteria. MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of ABC, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005); Elcavage v. West Milford Twp. (Passaic), GRC Complaint No. 2009-07 (April 2010).
    - The GRC declines to address the knowing and willful issue as no violation of OPRA occurred.

3. Kevin M. Baron v. City of Newark (Essex) (2023-102) **(SR Recusal)**
    - The Custodian's failure to 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 Custodian did not unlawfully deny access to OPRA request item Nos. 1 through 8 because she disclosed the responsive records. Danis, GRC 2009-156, *et seq*.
    - The Custodian lawfully denied access to OPRA request item Nos. 12 and 19 because she certified, and the record reflects, that no records exist. Pusterhofer, GRC 2005-49.
    - The Custodian's proposed special service charge of $1,704.30 for 39 hours is warranted and reasonable. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(c); Fisher v. Div. of Law, 400 N.J. Super. 61, 74 (App. Div. 2008). Thus, the Custodian shall disclose the responsive records upon remittance of the appropriate fee. Paff v. City of Plainfield, GRC Complaint No. 2006-54 (July 2006).

4. Edward Eid v. City of Newark (Essex) (2026-77) **(SR Recusal)**
    - The Custodian may have unlawfully denied access to responsive e-mails, to include those withheld from access. Ray v. Freedom Acad. Charter Sch. (Camden), GRC Complaint No. 2009-185 (Interim Order dated August 24, 2010). Thus, the Custodian shall disclose all outstanding records, with redactions where applicable, and certify to the disclosure.

5. Chris Krol v. Rutgers University (2026-173) **(RBT, RC & SR Recusal)**
    - This complaint is tabled due to lack of quorum.

B. Individual Complaint Adjudications with no Recusals:

1. Michael Koestler v. Harrison Township (Gloucester) (2022-672)
    - The Custodian lawfully denied access to the requested Township newsletter list under the privacy exemption. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1; Burnett v. Cnty. of Bergen, 198 N.J. 408, 427 (2009).

2. Scott Madlinger v. Berkeley Township (Ocean) (2023-57)
    - The Custodian's proposed special service charge of $1,459.10 is warranted and reasonable. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(c); Courier Post v. Lenape Reg'l High Sch. Dist., 360 N.J. Super. 191, 199 (Oct. 28, 2002); Rivera v. Rutgers, The State Univ. of N.J., GRC Complaint No. 2009-311 (Interim Order dated May 29, 2012). Thus, the Custodian shall disclose the responsive records upon remittance of the appropriate fee. Paff, GRC 2006-54.

3. Joseph Sams v. Mount Holly Fire District No. 1 (Burlington) (2023-257)
    - 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 GRC declines to order disclosure because the Custodian did so on November 8, 2023, and the current Custodian did so again on October 3, 2025.

4. Sarah Powell (o/b/o McGraw Holdings New Jersey, Inc.) v. Borough of Flemington (Hunterdon) (2023-305)
    - The Complainant's request is invalid because it failed to identify specific records and required research. MAG, 375 N.J. Super. 534; Bent v. Stafford Police Dep't, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005); Lagerkvist v. Office of the Governor, 443 N.J. Super. 230, 237 (App. Div. 2015); Ciszewski v. Newton Twp. Police Dep't (Sussex), GRC Complaint No. 2013-90 (October 2013).
    - The Complainant is not a prevailing party.

5. Eileen F. Ertle v. Borough of Manasquan (Monmouth) (2025-423)
    - The Custodian did not unlawfully deny access to the Complainant's OPRA request because he certified, and the record reflects, that he disclosed all responsive records. Danis, GRC 2009-156, *et seq.*

6. Walter M. Marsico, Jr. v. Township of Vernon (Sussex) (2026-3)
    - The Council should reject Custodian Counsel's request for reconsideration.
    - The Council's July 28, 2026 Interim Order remains in effect.

7. Zachary Diringer v. Essex County Board of Elections (2026-45)
    - 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); N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.3(d).
    - The Custodian may have unlawfully denied access to the responsive election records. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6. Thus, the Custodian shall: 1) locate and disclose responsive records; 2) identify any records exempt from disclosure in part or whole; or 3) certify if no records exist.

VIII. Court Decisions of GRC Complaints on Appeal:

IX. Complaints Adjudicated in NJ Superior Court & NJ Supreme Court:

- PBNJ Capital, LLC v. Twp. of Montville, 2026 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 2328 (App. Div. 2026).

X. Complaints Adjudicated in U.S. District Court:

XI. Public Comment:

The public comment period is limited to providing an opportunity for speakers to present suggestions, views and comments relevant to the Council's functions and responsibilities. In the interest of time, speakers shall be limited to **five (5) minutes** per the GRC's By-Laws. Speakers shall not be permitted to make oral or written testimony regarding pending or scheduled adjudications.*

XII. Adjournment

*Neither attorneys nor other representatives of the parties are required to attend this meeting nor will they be permitted to make oral or written comment during the adjudication.