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NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:06 a.m. by Chairperson Commissioner Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro.

**II. SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT**

Announcement of the Open Public Meeting Act, commonly referred to as “The “Sunshine Law,” by Chairperson Lomangino-DiMauro, which stated, “The meeting was noticed on September 23, 2021, by sending written notice to The Star-Ledger, The Bergen Record, Gannett, Town Square Media, Burlington County Times, Philly.Com. Additionally, the written notice was filed with the NJ Secretary of State.”

**III. ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Chairperson Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro, Vice-Chairperson Angelo Onofri, Annmarie Taggart, Gina Cavallo, Bonny Fraser, Timothy J. Gallagher, Aldina Hovde, Ingrid Johnson, Maggie-Lou Mari.

ABSENT COMMISSIONERS: William P. Monaghan, Marisol Rodriguez,

QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Friess, Deputy Attorney General Roman Guzik, Deputy Attorney General Alyssa Bloom, Vicki Vreeland.



#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Recommendations to fill open seats

A special meeting was held to vote on candidates to recommend to fill open seats on the NJ Commission on Human Trafficking. Below is a summary of the open seats along with the candidates being recommended:

Public Member 1: Child Advocacy Organization: Candidate Gina Hernandez, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse NJ (Unopposed).

Public Member 3: Candidates Danielle Buckley, Assistant Prosecutor (Ret.), Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and Ashante Taylor, Founder, You Are More Than, Inc.

Senate President Recommendation/ Law Enforcement and Assembly Speaker Recommendation/ Law Enforcement: Candidates Major Frederick Fife, NJSP, Inv. Frank Sabella, Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office, and Captain Wanda Stojanov, NJSP.

Assembly Speaker Recommendation/Victim Assistance: Jessica Kitson, Esq., Volunteer Lawyers for Justice (Unopposed).

The Commission decided in seat races with more candidates than seats, to rank their votes in the order of the candidate they most wanted to receive the recommendation, followed by a second choice, and in the law enforcement category, a third choice. Commission members cast their votes in the Chat feature and the following are the results:

Public Member 1: Gina Herrnandez received the recommendation for a seat with 8 votes out of 9 with one abstention.

Public Member 3: Ashante Taylor received the recommendation for a seat in a 6-2 vote with 1 abstention.

Senate President Recommendation/Law Enforcement: Major Frederick Fife received the recommendation by ranking first with 5 of 9 votes.

Assembly Speaker Recommendation/Victim Assistance: Captain Wanda Stojanov received the recommendation by ranking second with 5 of 9 votes.

Note: Inv. Sabella ranked third by receiving three votes in a three-way tie with each of the law enforcement candidates receiving three votes.

**Motion:** Commissioner Lomangino-DiMauro made a motion seconded by Commissioner Taggart to recommend Inv. Frank Sabella for a law enforcement seat in the event either Major Fife or Captain Stojanov are unable to fill the open law enforcement seats.

Vice-Chairperson Onofri stated he would speak with the NJSP regarding the Commission's recommendations.

The committee discussed the possibility of having additional seats to fill depending on the status of some appointment terms and Commission members interest in continuing to serve on the Commission. At this time, however, no alternates were recommended for a seat.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Vice-Chairperson Onofri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cavallo. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:36 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: October 20, 2021 @ 12:30 p.m.**

