

**RHODE ISLAND JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC COMMENT AND INTERVIEW NOTICE**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Department of Administration  
One Capitol Hill, Conference Room A, 2nd Floor  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908**

**PURPOSES:**

An open meeting to:

- (1) Approve the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Commission held on May 4, 2022;
- (2) Receive public comment about the applicants under consideration to fill the vacancy of Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court created by the retirement of Associate Justice Susan E. McGuirl. To provide public comment, please e-mail Laura Jeanne Verdecchia at [laura.verdecchia@lockelord.com](mailto:laura.verdecchia@lockelord.com) **no later than June 8, 2022**, with your name, title (if any), e-mail address, telephone number and the candidate you wish to comment on and you will be provided further instructions to submit public comment during the meeting. The applicants under consideration are:

Magistrate Alberto Aponte Cardona  
Angelyne E. Cooper-Bailey  
Maria F. Deaton  
Kas R. DeCarvalho  
Sean M. Fontes  
Joseph J. McBurney  
Kelly A. McElroy  
Debra A. Saunders  
Judge Christopher K. Smith

- (3) Interview applicants for the current vacancy on the Rhode Island Superior Court created by the retirement of Associate Justice Susan E. McGuirl. Those applicants under consideration are as follows:

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(4) Vote to select the candidates whose names will be sent to the Governor for his consideration.

Commission Members may elect to go into Executive Session to consider and act upon such matters as may be considered at a meeting closed pursuant to *Rhode Island General Laws* § 42-46-5(a)(1) for discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons who have been notified in writing and advised that they may require

Pursuant to *Rhode Island General Laws* §§ 42-46-6 (c) and (f), this notice will be posted on or before June 2, 2022 at the Office of the Department of Administration, the State House Library and electronically with the Secretary of State. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting who may have special needs for access or services such as an interpreter, please contact Laura Jeanne Verdecchia at (401) 455-7611 twenty-four hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

KRYSTLE G. TADESSE  
CHAIRPERSON