

***AMENDED TO ADD CONFERENCE ROOMS B AND C TO
LOCATION***

**RHODE ISLAND JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING**

JULY 8, 2025 @ 4:00 P.M.

**LOCATION: Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill, **Conference Rooms A, B and C***, 2nd Floor
Providence, Rhode Island 02908**

PURPOSES:

An open meeting to:

- (1) Approve the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Commission held on March 31, 2025.
- (2) Receive public comment about the applicants under consideration to fill the following vacancies:
 - Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court created by the resignation of Associate Judge Melissa R. DuBose; and
 - Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court created by the resignation of Associate Justice Patricia K. Asquith.

To provide public comment, please email Laura Jeanne Verdecchia at laura.verdecchia@troutman.com **no later than Friday, June 20, 2025¹**, with your name, title (if any), email address, telephone number, the vacancy(ies) you wish to comment on, and the candidate, if applicable. You will then be provided further instructions on the guidelines for providing public comment. The JNC also welcomes written comments from the public. Any submissions should be emailed to the JNC Chair (krystle.tadesse@troutman.com) and Laura Jeanne Verdecchia (laura.verdecchia@troutman.com). The applicants under consideration are:

DISTRICT COURT-ASSOCIATE JUDGE MELISSA R. DuBOSE APPLICANTS:

Rebecca L. Aitchison
Maria Deaton
Anthony J. DiBiase, Jr.
Amy Dodge Murray
Magistrate Alan Goulart
Robert E. Johnson IV
Eva-Marie Mancuso
Michael J. McCaffrey
Ania Zielinski

¹ The deadline for signing up has already passed in accordance with our previous notice.

FAMILY COURT-ASSOCIATE JUSTICE PATRICIA K. ASQUITH APPLICANTS:

Crystal Abreu
Magistrate Alberto Aponte Cardona Sr.
Magistrate Denise Cassisi Finkelman
Lori Giarrusso
Magistrate Andrea Iannazzi
Erica S. Janton
LaTri-c-ea McClendon-Hunt
Susan T. Perkins
Therese Picard

(3) To consider and take appropriate action to designate individuals to be interviewed for the following vacancies*:

- Associate Justice – Rhode Island Superior Court (created by the retirement of Associate Justice Daniel A. Procaccini); and
- Associate Justice – Rhode Island Family Court (created by the retirement of Associate Justice Debra E. DiSegna).

(4) To agree on a rescheduled date(s) for candidate interviews for the District Court vacancy created by the resignation of Associate Judge Melissa R. DuBose and for the Family Court vacancy created by the resignation of Associate Justice Patricia K. Asquith.

(5) To agree on dates for public comment and candidate interviews for the Superior Court vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Daniel A. Procaccini and the Family Court vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Debra E. DiSegna.

* 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 that the discussion be held at open meeting.

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§ 42-46-6 (c) and (f), this notice will be posted on June 30, 2025 at the Office of the Department of Administration, the State House Library and electronically with the Secretary of State, as well as on the Judicial Nominating Commission website. 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 at least twenty-four hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Krystle G. Tadesse
Chairperson