

**RI STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING (HEARING)
AUGUST 20, 2004**

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections reconvened at 9:30 a.m.. A quorum included Chair Roger Begin, Vice Chair Thomas Iannitti, Commissioners Judith Bailey, John Daluz and Frank Rego. Executive Director Robert J. Fontaine and Counselor Raymond Marcaccio were in attendance, also.

The Board met to conduct two public hearings relating to election recounts (see attached notice).

Chair Begin commenced the meeting by asking if there were any members of the public who wished to give testimony with regard to the repeal of the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Elections on August 29, 2002 regarding recount eligibility requirements, standards and procedures.

At this time, Chair Begin directed that the minutes show that no members of the public were in attendance. With this, the Chair asked that a motion be made to repeal said rules and regulations. The motion to repeal, made by Vice Chair Iannitti and seconded by Commissioner Rego, carried unanimously.

Going forward, Chair Begin asked if there were any members of the

public who wished to give testimony with regard to the adoption of rules and regulations relating to election recounts pursuant to, and in accordance with, R.I.G.L. 17-7 et seq., 17-19-37.1, 17-19-37.2, 17-19-37.3 and 17-12.1-14.

At this time, Chair Begin directed that the minutes show that no members of the public were in attendance. With this, Chair Begin asked that a motion be made to adopt said rules as presented to the Board. The motion to adopt, made by Vice Chair Iannitti and seconded by Commissioner Rego, carried unanimously.

At 9:39 a.m. and with no further discussion on the matter regarding recounts, Chair Begin asked that a motion be made to adjourn the two hearings relating to recounts and to reconvene to take-up the matter of William Lynch, Chairman of the RI Democratic Party vs. the RI Republican Party and Donald Carcieri Campaign for Governor. Vice Chair Iannitti made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Rego. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST: _____

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