

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

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections reconvened at 10:15 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.

Chair Begin commenced the meeting by asking Director Fontaine to present the next matter on the agenda. With this, Director Fontaine offered that the Scituate Canvassing Authority had contacted him for guidance with regard to their office's implementation of the Central Voter Registration System (CVRS) for the upcoming September 14th primaries. The local board expressed concern with regard to the directives they had received from the Secretary of State (SOS) to remove the names of certain registered voters due to errors discovered during the implementation of the CVRS. The SOS maintained that some of the street addresses on the (present) Scituate voter registration roll were not listed in the correct districts (representative, senate and/or ward, etc.). In some cases, street addresses were actually located in another town or city. To complicate matters, the primaries were less than ninety (90) days away; thus, the local board could not properly remove voters from their rolls or change their voting districts.

After a brief discussion on the matter by the Board and executive staff members, Chair Begin asked that a motion be made to direct Mr. Fontaine to invite the Scituate Canvassing Authority to meet with the State Board to address the matter. The motion made and seconded by Commissioners Bailey and Rego, respectively, carried without opposition.

At 10:35, the Chair asked that a motion be made to conclude discussion on the (Scituate) matter for the day and to go forward with the next matter for review; that is, an appeal by Gary Vierra of a decision by the Cranston Board of Canvassers regarding the disaffiliation of voters and associated issues. The motion, made by Vice Chair Iannitti and seconded by Commissioner Daluz, carried unanimously.

ATTEST: _____

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