

RI STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2004

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections met at 9:00 a.m. A quorum included Chair Roger Begin, Commissioners Judith Bailey, John Daluz, Florence Johnson, and Frank Rego. Acting Executive Director George Bowen, III and Counselor Raymond Marcaccio were in attendance, also.

The purpose of the 9:00 a.m. meeting was to conduct recounts for primary contests held on September 14, 2004 (see attached agenda). (Note: At its meeting of September 15, 2004, the Board agreed that it would need additional time to review the process by which some voters cast provisional ballots in the City of Cranston. On a motion made and seconded by Commissioners Bailey and Daluz, respectively, the Board unanimously voted as follows with regard to Cranston recounts/protests: to extend the deadline to file from Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. to Friday, September 17, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.; to change the recounts for any Cranston races from Friday, September 17, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. to Monday, September 20, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.; and to hold hearings for Cranston races on Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.. With the passing of this motion, the Board conducted, today, all the recounts requested with the exception of Cranston recounts.

Upon conclusion of the recounts at approximately 12:30 p.m., Chair Begin asked that a motion be made to adjourn for the day and to return on Monday, September 20, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct recounts for the City of Cranston (City Council, Ward 4 Republican and Senate District, 26 Democrat). With this, Commissioners Johnson and Bailey made and seconded the motion, respectively. The motion carried without opposition.

(Note: Citing pending hearings to be held on Monday, September 20, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., the Board did not officially announce the winners of the races [see attached recount results].)

ATTEST:

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