

R.I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2005

The Rhode Island Board of Elections met at 9:00 A.M. A quorum included Chair Roger Begin, Vice Chair Thomas Iannitti, Commissioner John Daluz, Frank Rego, Florence Gormley and Raymond Xavier.

First Order of Business was a motion by Vice Chair Iannitti to accept minutes of the board October 2, 2005. After Commissioner Xavier seconded the motion, the vote to accept the minutes was unanimous.

The next order of business was a motion by Vice Chairman Thomas Iannitti to move into executive session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(4) to discuss the Witherby report, after a second by Commissioner Rego the motion was unanimously carried and the board recessed into executive session.

The board upon returning from executive session voted to seal the minutes of the executive session. A motion was made by Commissioner Rego that the board accept the Witherby report and authorize Mr. Witherby to conduct a factual investigation pursuant to Article 4 of his report and to complete his investigation no later than

January 31, 2006. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Thomas Iannitti and carried with a 5 to 1 vote, Commissioner Xavier, dissenting.

After a brief recess the board voted unanimously to accept the amended draft budget presented by Executive Director Robert Kando.

The board ordered that a copy of any future quarterly reports be sent to the commissioners.

Campaign Finance Director Richard Thornton presented a draft of the campaign finance manual and addressed a board inquiry pertaining to the ERTS system. Director of Elections Robert Rapoza discussed the new mail ballot room schematic and answered board inquiries pertaining to mail ballots.

The meeting concluded with a discussion relating to routine media inquiries and the necessity that public information be transmitted without delay to the media.

Commissioner Florence Johnson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and passed unanimously.