

R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 13, 2005

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 10:10 A.M. A quorum included Chair Roger Begin, Vice Chair Thomas Iannitti, Commissioners John Daluz, Florence Gormley, Frank Rego and Raymond Xavier.

First Order of Business was a motion by Commissioner Xavier to accept minutes of the board meetings on September 6, 2005 and November 28, 2005. Commissioner Gormley seconded the motion; the vote to accept the minutes was unanimous.

The next order of business Vice Chairman Iannitti motioned that the board take a vote of no confidence and request the resignation of the Chairman Roger Begin. Commissioner Gormley seconded the motion. After comments from the board, a vote was taken. The vote was four to one in favor of the motion. Vice Chair Iannitti, Commissioners Gormley, Rego and Xavier in favor and Commissioner Daluz against the motion, with Chairman Begin abstaining.

Next order of business Executive Director Robert Kando along with Campaign Finance Director Richard Thornton and Elections Director Robert Rapoza presented to the board proposed 2006 legislation.

Chairman Begin having previously filed a letter of recusal in the matter of Rhode Island Republican Party and the Donald L.Carcieri Campaign For Governor, left the meeting.

Next order of business with Director Kando acting as scheduling administrator for the board the following dates were set for motions in the matter of The Rhode Island Republican Party and the Donald L. Carcieri Campaign For Governor: December 30, 2005 attorney H. Reed Witherby independent counsel for the board is to file his brief; January 17, 2006 attorney James Bopp, Jr., lead counsel for Rhode Island Republican Party is to file a reply brief; January 24, 2006 a hearing on the motions will be held.

At 11:56 A.M. and with no further matters for discussion, Commissioner Gormley made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Rego and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Taylor