

R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 2, 2006

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:05 P.M. A quorum included, Vice Chair Thomas Iannitti, Commissioners Florence Gormley, Frank Rego and Raymond Xavier. Also present, Executive Director Robert Kando and Counsel to the Board, Raymond Marcaccio.

First order of business: Commissioner Rego motioned to approve the minutes as presented from meetings held on 1/24/06 and 2/7/06. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gormley and was approved unanimously.

Next order of business: A public hearing was conducted on the matter of: Rules and Regulations Proposed for adoption by the Rhode Island Board of Elections relating to Challenging of Mail Ballots. Note: Notice of public hearing was published in a timely matter. No comments were offered from the public pertaining to this matter. A motion was made by Commissioner Gormley to adopt the Rules & Regulations as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rego and was approved unanimously.

Next order of business: a public hearing was conducted on the matter of: Rules and Regulations proposed for adoption by the Rhode Island

Board of Elections Relating to the Tabulation of Mail Ballots. Note: Notice of a public hearing was published in a timely matter. No comments were offered from the public pertaining to this matter. No motion was made at this time.

Next order of business: A discussion was held regarding the Board's intent to conduct a hearing to amend rules and regulations with regard to provisional voting. A tentative date of June 27, 2006 as been scheduled. A notice of public hearing shall be published 45 days prior to hearing.

Next order of business: Director Kando informed the Board of the need to commence the process to refile/amend/correct agency pre-2002 filings of rules and regulations with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-35. These rules and regulations and will be reviewed by staff and necessary action taken to update them.

Next order of business: Director of Elections Bob Rapoza demonstrated to the Board, the assembly/disassembly of the Automark® voting equipment. A brief discussion of this process followed.

Next order of business: A discussion was held regarding the service contract for the newly purchased Automark voting equipment.

Executive Director Kando's report to the board: Director Kando and Staff updated the Board on the following: Voter Registration & Education Program; status of Campaign Finance Cash receipts, Penalties Due and Accounts Receivable Aging reports and updated Campaign Finance manuals are now available online; review of the third quarter budget report; status of legal fees incurred to date. The Commissioners all voiced their concerns regarding the current and future status of legal fees; and staffing needs within the agency.

Commissioners' comments included a discussion of authorized agent duties for the Board, Vice Chair Iannitti informed the other commissioners that he has signed documents to transfer authorized agent duties to himself, and that he would like to ensure all board members that he will keep them informed as to what documents he is signing.

At this time, a motion was made by Commissioner Xavier asking that Vice Chair Iannitti serve as Acting Chair and to do so until either he is appointed Chair or until a successor is appointed Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gormley and carried unanimously.

At 4:10 P.M. and with no other matters on the agenda, the Board adjourned for the day.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Taylor

Minutes approved 6/27/06