

R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 24, 2006

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 8:53 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, the Executive Director, Robert Kando, presented to the Board, the quarterly budget report for fiscal year 2006 covering the period 07/01/2005 thru 12/31/2005. A discussion followed, Vice Chair Iannitti stated that this is the first time that the board has been made aware that the former Executive Director, Robert Fontaine had received vacation pay owed to him. (This payment was made in the period covering the second quarter budget report.)

The Vice Chair also commented that the Board is anticipating a report from Director Kando, a review of operations including observations, opportunities, problems and plans that the Director foresees ahead for the Agency. In addition, Director Kando stated that we plan on advertising for the vacant position of Planning and Program Development Specialist.

Next order of business, the Board addressed the spending limits for Matching Public Funds for General Offices. Richard Thornton,

Campaign Finance Director presented the Board with a memo documenting the recommended 10.5% increase, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), from the amount matched in the 2002 election. After a discussion, Chairman Begin recommended, and Vice Chair Iannitti motioned that, these dollar amounts be approved subject to verification by an independent accountant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Xavier and carried unanimously.

Next order of business, Commissioner Xavier motioned that the Board accept the minutes of meetings from December 13, 2005 and May 23, 2005. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daluz and passed unanimously.

Next order of business, Vice Chair Iannitti motioned that the Board adopt the 2006 Board of Elections Meeting Schedule; it was seconded by Commissioner Xavier and was adopted unanimously.

Next order of business, at 9:15 A.M., Commissioner Gormley motioned that the board move into executive session, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §§ 42-46-5(a)(4) and 17-25-5 (7)(i) with regard to Campaign Finance complaints. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Xavier and was carried unanimously, the Board recessed into executive session. Note: Commissioner Xavier left the meeting at the start of executive session.

Board of Elections

Minutes of Meeting

January 24, 2006

Page 2

At 9:45 A.M. and upon completion of the Board's discussion, Commissioner Gormley motioned that the Board come out of executive session and seal the minutes of the executive session; Commissioner Rego seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

At 9:46A.M. and with no further matters for discussion, Commissioner Gormley motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Rego, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Taylor