

R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING (Open Session)
July 21, 2008

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 10:02 AM, a quorum included Commissioners Florence Gormley, Martin Joyce, Richard Pierce and Chairman John Daluz. Executive Director Robert Kando and Board Attorney Raymond Marcaccio were also in attendance.

First order of business: Hearing on objections to nomination papers pursuant to R.I.G.L. 17-14-14.

- A. The challenge presented by William Lynch, Chairman, RI Democratic Party against John Scott, Candidate for Congress and Chris Young, Democratic Candidate for United States Senate was withdrawn by Mr. Lynch prior to the hearing.
- B. The challenge submitted by William Pierce was dismissed in his absence.
- C. The challenge by Philip Hiron, Jr. was dismissed since it was in response to Mr. Lynch's challenge that had been withdrawn.
- D. A challenge by Dirk Hennessey, contesting his lack of certification for state representative, objecting to the count of 46 signatures by the Providence Board of Canvassers. George Smith and Melissa Damore appeared on behalf of the Providence BOC. A motion to disqualify signatures that were on nomination papers submitted to the wrong community was moved by Commissioner Gormley and seconded by Commissioner Pierce. The motion was passed unanimously. Peter Wasylyk, State Representative House District 6 challenging Dirk Hennessey's nomination papers was also considered. A motion to change Mr. Hennessey's signature count from 48 to 47 due to the fact that one signature was from a voter who was not registered 30 days prior to signing the nomination papers was moved by Commissioner Gormley and seconded by Commissioner Joyce. The motion was passed unanimously.
- E. A challenge by Vincent Bradley, running for the West Warwick School Committee seeking to have his name listed as the endorsed candidate was argued by Mr. Bradley. Mr. Bradley stated that he and other candidates filed for seats on the school committee and he was among those endorsed by the Democratic Town Committee. The Board of Canvassers after declarations determined that one of the 3 seats was for a two-year term and two seats were for four-year terms and then required new declarations. After the town action, the Democratic Committee met again and Mr. Bradley was not endorsed for school committee. A motion to leave the ballot as (subsequently) endorsed by the Democratic Town Committee was moved by Commissioner Gormley and seconded by Commissioner Pierce.

The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bradley will not be the endorsed candidate for school committee in West Warwick.

- F. A challenge submitted by Dana Peloso, candidate running for the State Representative in the 67th district, against the Barrington Board of Canvassers was withdrawn per his request to the Board.

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At 11:27 AM Commissioner Gormley motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joyce and passed unanimously.

Andreza Skipworth