

R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING (Open Session)
May 28, 2008

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:40 PM, a quorum included Commissioners Florence Gormley, John Daluz, Raymond Xavier, and Frank Rego. Executive Director Robert Kando was also in attendance.

First order of business: There was a brief discussion regarding the minutes from 2/7/08 and the 2008 Calendar.

Next order of business: An appeal from the Cranston Board of Canvassers ruling striking the names of Mr. Sarmento and Mr. Sarro from the Cranston voter rolls. Attorney Frank Manni represented the Cranston Board of Canvassers Office and Attorney Kate Bowden represented Mr. Sarmento and Mr. Sarro. After hearing testimony from Dr. Barry Wahl and legal arguments from attorneys Manni and Bowden, Commissioner Gormley motioned to reinstate the voting rights of Mr. Sarmento and Mr. Sarro and make a finding that an adjudication of "not guilty by reason of insanity" does not equate with an adjudication of *non compos mentis* under the RI constitution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Xavier and passed unanimously.

At 4:50 pm Commissioner Gormley motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Xavier and passed unanimously.

Andreza Skipworth