

**R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING (Open Session)**  
February 11, 2009

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:30 PM, a quorum included Commissioners Martin Joyce, Richard Pierce, Vice Chairman Frank Rego, and Chairman John Daluz. Executive Director Robert Kando and Board Attorney Raymond Marcaccio were also in attendance.

First order of business: Vice Chairman Rego moved to approve the minutes of the meetings dated 7/3/08, 9/17/08, 10/02/08, 11/24/08 and 12/23/08 and seconded by Commissioner Joyce. The motion passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Rick Thornton, Campaign Finance Director discussed with the Board the appeal of campaign finance fines issued pursuant to R.I.G.L 17-25 regarding Joseph S. Almeida, Jr. After a brief discussion with the Board, Vice Chairman Rego motioned to schedule a payment plan for the outstanding fines (\$4,849.00) of \$200 per month totaling \$3,200 until June 2010 and the balance of \$1,649.00 would be waived if the monthly payments were made on schedule, the failure to follow the terms of the agreement will result in all fines being reinstated and immediately due. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joyce and passed 2-1 with Commissioner Pierce dissenting and Chairman Daluz abstaining.

Next order of business: Bristol Republican Town Committee represented by Treasurer William Sweeney appeal of Campaign Finance fines of \$25.00. Rick Thornton, Campaign Finance Director, discussed with the board the appeal of campaign finance fines issued pursuant to R.I.G.L 17-25 regarding Bristol Republican Town Committee and recommended that the fine be waived. Commissioner Joyce moved to waive the fine as recommended by Campaign Finance Director Rick Thornton; the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Rego and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Requests to reduce fines filed by Frank Hyde and Stephen R. Coyne were passed due to their absence.

Next order of business: Board of Elections' calendar-2009 meeting schedule Commissioner Pierce motioned to approve the amended schedule (see attached). The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Rego and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Board of Elections revised FY '09 budget and proposed budget of FY 2010 was passed until 2/23/09 board meeting.

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At 4:55 pm Vice Chairman Rego motioned to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with R.I. General Laws § 42-45-5(a)(4) and R.I. General Laws §42-46-5(a)(2), the motion was seconded by Commissioner Joyce and unanimously passed. The Board adjourned into Executive Session.

At the close of the executive session, a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session was made by Vice Chairman Rego and seconded by Commissioner Joyce, the motion was passed unanimously.

At 5:10 PM Vice Chairman Rego motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joyce and passed unanimously.

Andreza Skipworth