

R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING (Open Session)
August 19, 2009

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:35 PM, a quorum included Commissioners Martin Joyce, Florence Gormley, Richard Pierce, Richard DuBois, William West and Vice Chairman Frank Rego, who arrived after the roll call, and Chairman John Daluz. Executive Director Robert Kando and Board Attorney Raymond Marcaccio were also in attendance.

First order of business: Hearing on an elections complaint filed by John Patrick Shanley for violation of R.I.G. L 17-23-1 by The South County Rocket Science Society in a newspaper advertisement advocating for the election of candidates that contained the names of the members of the organization but failed to identify either the chairperson, or the secretary and treasurer within the advertisement. Commissioner Joyce moved to send a letter of warning to comply with RI state law in the future, along with a copy of the law to The South County Rocket Science Society seconded by Commissioner Pierce. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chairman Rego was not in attendance for this vote.

Next order of business: Discussion and possible vote on the annual renewal of Quest Information Systems contract dated 6/30/09-6/30/10 for the Board of Elections ERTS system. Commissioner Joyce motioned to approve the Quest contract of hosting services cost of \$12,000 annually and support cost of \$45,000 annually with an annual total of \$57,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously, Commissioner Rego participating.

Next order of business: Discussion and possible vote on the renewal of the Election System & Software (ES&S) contract. ES&S provides the Board of Elections with elections support and supplies, hardware & software maintenance services, and shipping and handling of election equipment. Vice Chairman Rego motioned to approve the ES&S contract with a 4-payment distribution of \$109,694.00 that will terminate on 6/30/11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gormley and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: The Board received a report from Robert Rapoza, Director of Elections, highlighting upcoming and pending events.

Next order of business, Commissioner Gormley motioned that the Board go into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 42-46-5(a)(4) to discuss the matter of Adams v. Board of Elections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and carried unanimously. At 4:15 P.M., the Board recessed into Executive Session.

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The Board returned from Executive Session and Vice Chairman Rego made a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joyce and carried unanimously.

At 4:20 PM Vice Chairman Rego motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner West and passed unanimously.

Andreza Skipworth