

**R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING (Open Session)
December 29, 2009**

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:35 PM, a quorum included Commissioners Florence Gormley, Richard DuBois, William West, Vice Chairman Frank Rego, and Chairman John Daluz. Executive Director Robert Kando and BOE Counselor Raymond Marcaccio were also in attendance.

First order of business: Commissioner Gormley moved to approve the minutes of the meeting dated 12/16/09 seconded by Commissioner West and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: A motion by Vice-Chairman Rego to adjourn into executive session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (A) (4) to discuss a matter of Campaign Finance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gormley and passed unanimously. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Vice-Chairman Rego moved to keep the minutes of the Executive Session open to the public, seconded by Commissioner Gormley and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Commissioner Gormley motioned to approve Moderate Party consent order (attached) that was presented to the Board during Executive Session in the matter of Kenneth Block; the Moderate Party of RI State Committee and the Barrington Moderate Party Town Committee; Dan Slattery; Edward Crane; and Steve Parola. The motion was seconded by Commissioner West and passed unanimously.

At 3:45pm Commissioner Gormley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Rego, and passed unanimously.

Andreza Skipworth

**STATE of RHODE ISLAND and PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Kenneth J. Block; the Moderate Party
of Rhode Island State Committee;
the Barrington Moderate Party Town
Committee; Dan Slattery; Edward Crane;
and Steve Parola**

CONSENT DECREE

NOW come The State of Rhode Island Board of Elections and the Moderate Party of Rhode Island State Committee ("State Moderate Party"), Kenneth J. Block, individually and as Chair and Treasurer of the State Moderate Party ("Block"), Dan Slattery, Deputy Treasurer of the State Moderate Party ("Slattery"), the Barrington Moderate Party Town Committee ("Barrington Moderate Party Committee"), Steve Parola, Chair of the Barrington Moderate Party Committee ("Parola"), and Edward Crane, Treasurer of the Barrington Moderate Party Committee and hereby CONSENT to the following:

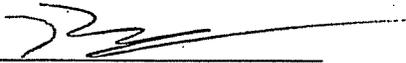
1. On or about September 21, 2009, Block made a \$10,000 contribution to the State Moderate Party for party building activities.
2. On or about September 26, 2009, Block made a second \$10,000 contribution to the Barrington Moderate Party Committee for party building activities.
3. On or about September 30, 2009, the Barrington Moderate Party Committee transferred the monies it received from Block to the State Moderate Party.
4. No person, political action committee or political party may contribute more than an aggregate of \$10,000 within a calendar year to one or more political party committees, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-25-10.1(a)(2).

5. The above-referenced \$10,000 contribution by Block to the Barrington Moderate Party Committee, the subsequent transfer of said monies by the Barrington Moderate Party Committee to the State Moderate Party, and the receipt of said monies by the State Moderate Party, constitute violations of R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-25-10.1(a)(2).

6. The Barrington Moderate Party Committee met and voted to return said monies to Block on or about November 18, 2009. Immediately thereafter, said monies were returned to Block.

7. Block hereby acknowledges that the second contribution of \$10,000 to the Barrington Moderate Party Committee, and its subsequent transfer to the State Moderate Party, constitute violations of R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-25-10.1(a)(2). Block further consents to personally pay a \$2,000 fine to the Board of Elections as a result of these violations.

8. The Parties hereby acknowledge that this Consent Degree, once executed, will become a matter of public record.

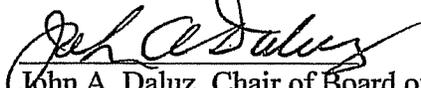

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Edward Crane, as Treasurer of the Barrington
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John A. Daluz, Chair of Board of Elections

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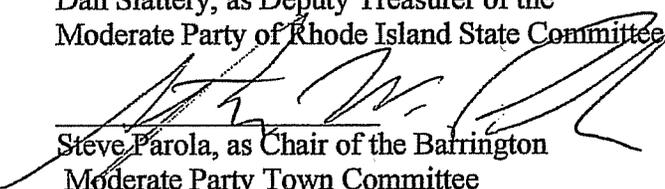
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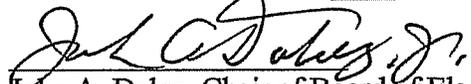
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