

**R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING (Open Session)
January 20, 2010**

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 4:10 PM, a quorum included Commissioners Martin Joyce, Richard Pierce, Richard DuBois, William West, Vice Chairman Frank Rego, presided. Chairman John Daluz arrived at 4:15pm. Executive Director Robert Kando and BOE Counselor Raymond Marcaccio were also in attendance.

First order of business: Commissioner Joyce moved to approve the minutes of the meeting dated 12/29/09 seconded by Commissioner West and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Approval of the monthly meeting calendar for 2010. Commissioner West moved to approve the 2010 calendar with the stipulation of changing the year from 2009 to 2010. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Joyce and passed unanimously.

Next or 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 Kas R. DeCarvalho, Commissioner Pierce recused himself from this matter. After hearing from Mr. DeCarvalho, Commissioner Joyce motioned to reduce the fines to 25% of the original amount to \$1082.75 from \$4,331.00, on the condition that Mr. DeCarvalho schedule a payment plan for the outstanding fines (1082.75) with the Campaign Finance Department and a failure to follow the terms of the agreement would result in all fines being reinstated and immediately due. The motion was seconded by Chairman Daluz and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Regularly scheduled bi-annual vote to elect a chairperson, and vice chairperson pursuant to R.I.G.L 17-7-3. A motion by Commissioner Pierce to re-elect John Daluz as Chairman and Frank Rego as Vice-Chairman was seconded by Commissioner Joyce and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Rick Thornton, Director of Campaign Finance addressed the board with a brief synopsis regarding the MPF calculations for the 2010 General Office Elections. Commissioner West motioned to approve the calculations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joyce and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Robert Kando, Executive Director of the Board of Elections addressed the board regarding the auditing of the Matching Public Funds program. He proposed that the BOE staff perform the audit in lieu of hiring an outside auditor that would result in a cost savings to the Board. Greta Abbot, of the League of Women Voters, questioned if the staff had sufficient skills to perform the audit. After a brief

discussion, Commissioner Pierce moved to approve the proposed staff audit presented by Mr. Kando. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joyce and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: A motion by Commissioner Joyce 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 West and passed unanimously. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Commissioner Joyce moved to keep the minutes of the Executive Session open to the public, seconded by Commissioner West and passed unanimously. The Executive Session involved a discussion of a settlement agreement between the Board of Elections and Edwards and Kelcey, Inc.

Next order of business: Commissioner Joyce motioned to approve the settlement agreement between Edwards and Kelcey, Inc and the Board of Elections (see attached) that was presented to the Board during Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner West and passed unanimously.

At 5:00pm Commissioner Pierce moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner West, and passed unanimously.

Andreza Skipworth