

**R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 22, 2010**

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:57 PM at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included Chairman John Daluz, Vice-Chairman Frank Rego, Commissioners Florence Gormley, Richard DuBois, Richard Pierce, and William West. Executive Director Robert Kando and Board legal counsel Raymond Marcaccio were also in attendance.

First order of business: Motion by Commissioner Gormley to amend the agenda under Rhode Island General Law 42-46-6 to include an executive session relating to a pending lawsuit. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Rego and Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Second order of business: Hearing on a complaint filed by the unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor Kara D. Russo, against Ralph Mollis, in his capacity as Secretary of State, Giovanni Cicione, in his capacity as Chairman of the Rhode Island Republican Party and Heidi Rogers, the winner of the Republican Party primary for Lieutenant Governor, who subsequently withdrew her candidacy. Present at the hearing were Ms. Russo, represented by Attorney Keven McKenna, Giovanni Cicione, and attorneys Michael Field and Chrisanne Wyrzykowski from the Office of the Attorney General, representing Secretary of State Ralph Mollis.

Attorney McKenna, who filed a complaint citing several arguments (see attached complaint) made oral argument consistent with his filings, including a request that the Board should order the placement of Heidi Rogers' name on the general election ballot or alternately order the chairman of the Rhode Island Republican Party to name Kara D. Russo as the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the 2010 general election.

After the conclusion of Attorney McKenna's argument, Commissioner Gormley moved to keep the Republican Lieutenant Governor position vacant due to the wording of the statute. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and voted unanimously. Subsequent to the vote, both Commissioners West and DuBois noted their disappointment with the process that resulted in no Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the 2010 General Election.

Next order of business: Commissioner Gormley moved under 42-46-4 to adjourn into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Pierce and voted unanimously.

Upon the conclusion of the executive session, Commissioner Gormley moved to seal the minutes of the executive session, seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

At 4:50 PM Commissioner Gormley moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and passed unanimously.

Andreza Skipworth