

R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 3, 2012

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:55 PM at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Chairman Frank Rego, Vice-Chairman Richard Pierce, Commissioners William West, and Susan Farmer. Executive Director Robert Kando and Board legal counsel Raymond Marcaccio were also in attendance.

First order of business: Commissioner Farmer moved to approve the minutes for Board of Elections meeting dated 2/22/12 seconded by Vice-Chairman Pierce and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Hearing on the appeal of fines in the amount of \$3,362, filed by Mr. Chad Mollica who had previous campaign finance fines administratively reduced by Director of Campaign Finance, Ric Thornton. Mr. Mollica stated that he was a 2010 candidate for school committee which does not receive any compensation and that he had raised and spent slightly more than \$1,000 during his campaign. After a lengthy exchange of information with the Board, Vice-Chairman Pierce moved to reduce the amount of fines to \$1,675 on the condition that Mr. Mollica comply with a schedule of payments determined in agreement with Director of Campaign Finance, Ric Thornton and that the entire amount would be immediately due if he did not keep payments current, seconded by Commissioner West, and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Hearing on the appeal of fines in the amount of \$6,438 by Ronald T. Riley, Jr. Mr. Riley did not appear and Director of Campaign Finance, Ric Thornton, informed the Board that Mr. Riley had agreed that Mr. Thornton provide the Board with any necessary information. Mr. Thornton informed the Board that Mr. Riley was a first time candidate, who had funded his own candidacy in the amount of \$350, and that his home was in foreclosure. Commissioner Farmer moved to reduce the amount of fines to \$1,250 on the condition that Mr. Riley comply with a schedule of payments determined in agreement with Director of Campaign Finance, Ric Thornton and that the entire amount would be immediately due if he did not keep payments current, seconded by Vice-Chairman Pierce and passed unanimously.

At 4:30 PM Commissioner Farmer motion to adjourn was seconded by Vice-Chairman Pierce and passed unanimously.

Andreza Skipworth