

**R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 11, 2012**

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 4:00 PM at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Vice-Chairman Richard Pierce, and Commissioners Florence Gormley, William West and Richard DuBois. Executive Director Robert Kando and legal counsel Raymond Marcaccio were also in attendance

First order of business: Commissioner Gormley made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012 meeting seconded by Commissioner West and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Appeal of campaign finance fines by Leslie A. Luciano. After Campaign Finance Director Richard Thornton detailed the fines, Ms Luciano addressed the Board and described her circumstances that resulted in her appearance before the Board. After the conclusion of an exchange of information between Ms. Luciano and Board Members, Commissioner Gormley moved that the fines be reduced to 25% and suspended on the condition that Ms. Luciano have no more late fines, seconded by Commissioner West and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: The Board tabled the appeal of campaign finance fines by Alisa Trainor Fleet to a future meeting.

Next order of business: Hearing on the appeal of campaign finance fines by Bruce A Lemois. Campaign Finance Director Richard Thornton addressed the Board and noted that Mr. Lemois was out-of-state but that Mr. Lemois requested that the Board consider his appeal in his absence. Mr. Thornton detailed that Mr. Lemois largely self-financed his campaign, but did receive mostly in-kind party contributions and that his fines were mostly from non-election period filings. After hearing, Commissioner Gormley moved to reduce his fines to 25%, but reinstated if Mr. Lemois missed any agreed payments, seconded by Commissioner West and DuBois, and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Commissioner Gormley moved to adjourn into executive session under R.I.G.L.42-46-5(a)(5), seconded by Commissioner DuBois and passed unanimously.

Next order of business: Commissioner Gormley moved to close the executive session and seal the minutes, seconded by Commissioner DuBois and passed unanimously.

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Next order of business: Commissioner Gormley disclosed the following votes in executive session: A vote on the complaint of Charles G. Newton, Jr. against the East Greenwich Fire District for failing to timely file expenditures of over \$1,000 related to a non-binding ballot question before the voters of East Greenwich found the East Greenwich Fire District in violation of campaign finance law and issued a warning not to repeat the violation. Vote passed unanimously.

And a vote to fine Mr. Harvey Adelberg, \$100.00 and issue a warning not to repeat the offense of failing to meet the statutory attribution requirements for radio ads related to the purchase of 44 commercial advertisements advocating the election or defeat of a state candidate on 630 WPRO radio of which no more than 6 failed to provide the required attribution, which Mr. Adelberg corrected once being apprised of the requirement. Vote passed unanimously.

At 4:33 PM Commissioner Gormley moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioners DuBois and West motion and passed unanimously.

Andreza Skipworth