

**R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 14, 2014**

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:35 PM at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Stephen Erickson and Frank Rego.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pierce.

First order of business: The Board received a summary of the recount procedures from Elections Director Robert Rapoza. Mr. Rapoza stated that a work station is created for each precinct that has its ballots re-fed with two operators who re-feed ballots and are observed by the candidates and their representatives. When a ballot is rejected due to an overvote, the machine tape will identify the race for the overvote. If the race is not the race being recounted, the ballot is overridden into the machine. If the overvote is for the race that is the subject of the recount, the ballot is set aside for later review.

When the last ballot is fed into the machine, the operators call for a supervisor who closes the voting process and totals the machine. Once all the precincts have been totaled, the staff creates a spreadsheet with the vote totals of election night and for the recount, including any reviewed ballots.

Director Rapoza also stated that when a candidate qualifies for a re-reading of the memory pack, a station is set up to re-read memory packs. After the memory packs are re-read, the election night results are compared to the results of the re-reading of the memory pack. The process is concluded if the results of the re-read match the election night results.

After the conclusion of his presentation there was a general discussion of recounts with Mr. Rapoza providing information as needed. Following the discussion, the Board decided to have a meeting on November 19th to hear recount requests, and that the staff was to present a tentative draft of the schedule of recounts at the meeting.

At 3:35 PM. the Board voted to adjourn. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Stephen Erickson, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0.