

**R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
October 30, 2014**

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 2:35 PM at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen Erickson, Frank Rego and Rhoda Perry arriving at 2:51 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pierce.

First order of business: Commissioner Rego moved to approve the minutes for Board of Elections meetings dated 10/22/14, 10/23/14, seconded by Commissioner West. The 10/27/14 minutes were moved to a later date. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Erickson, Rego and Perry all voted in the affirmative, no dissenting votes, and motion passed.

Next order of business: Pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 42-46-5(a)(4) and 17-25-7(a)(7)(i) Vice Chairman West motioned to go into executive session to discuss a possible civil or criminal investigation seconded by Commissioner Erickson. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice Chairman West, Commissioners Perry, Erickson, and Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissenting votes and motion passed.

Next order of business: At the close of the executive session the Board voted to move into open session. Commissioner Erickson motioned to seal the minutes of the executive session seconded by Vice Chairman West. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Rego, and Perry all voting in the affirmative, motion passed.

The next order of business: The Board heard arguments regarding a complaint filed by RenewRI against Citizens for Responsible Government (CFRG) citing failure to comply with the requirements of 17-25-3. In the complaint filed October 24<sup>th</sup>, RenewRI states CFRG has published "electioneering communications," including paid electronic media internet video communication, two billboards, and three electronic media internet web pages citing various violations including 1). Not including the "Top 5 Donors" in the preceding twelve months; 2). There isn't a "Paid for by" followed by the organization name; 3). Not listing the name of the CEO or an equivalent; 4. Not listing the business' address. 5). Not listing the name of the organization.

After hearing arguments from Atty. James M. Hanley and Campaign Manager Jennifer Norris from Citizens for Responsible Government, as well as, H. Philip West Jr Co-chairperson and Tim Murphy member of RenewRI, Commissioner Erickson moved to direct CFRG to correct the billboard by Monday November 3, 2014 and be warned not to engage in the such conduct during the rest of the campaign and to include all further communications including radio by them must have appropriate disclaimers seconded by

Vice Chairman West. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Rego, and Perry all voting in the affirmative, motion passed.

After a brief recess

The next order of business: Commissioner Joyce arrived and motioned to certify the emergency mail ballots for the General Election seconded by Commissioner Perry. After reviewing the balance of the mail ballots for the General Election, Commissioner Erickson motioned to approve the mail ballots seconded by Vice Chairman West. For both motions Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Erickson and Perry voting in the affirmative, no dissenting votes, and motion passed.

At 5:30 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.