

**R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 19, 2014**

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:39 PM at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pierce.

First order of business: The Board voted to approve the minutes of October 27, 2014, November 3, 2014, November 4, 2014, November 5, 2014 and November 14, 2014 meetings, noting that the minutes for the October 30, 2014 meeting had not been drafted. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0.

Next order of business: Director of Elections Robert Rapoza reviewed the Election Day results of the recount request for North Kingstown Town Council candidate Richard A. Welch, recommending the authorization of re-feeding of ballots. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0 to re-feed ballots.

Next order of business: Director of Elections Robert Rapoza reviewed the Election Day results of the recount request of Portsmouth Town Council candidate Constance L. Harding, recommending a re-feed of ballots. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0 to re-feed ballots.

Next order of business: Vice-Chairman West recused himself from this matter. Director of Elections Robert Rapoza reviewed the Election Day results of the recount request of Portsmouth Town Clerk candidate Jennifer M. West, recommending a re-feed of ballots. Chairman Richard Pierce, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 4-0 to re-feed ballots.

Next order of business: Director of Elections Robert Rapoza reviewed the Election Day results of the recount request of Smithfield Town Council candidate Richard A. Poirier recommending a re-feed of ballots. After several questions pertaining to the document requesting the recount requests by the attorney for leading candidate Gregory Tocco in opposition to the recount request, the Board voted to re-feed ballots in the race. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0.

Next order of business: Director of Elections Robert Rapoza reviewed the Election Day results of the recount request of Warwick School Committee District 1 candidate Dean Johnson recommending a re-feed of ballots. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0 to re-feed ballots.

Next order of business: Director of Elections Robert Rapoza reviewed the Election Day results of the recount request of Westerly Town Council candidate Kenneth Parrilla and recommended a re-feeding of ballots. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0 to re-feed ballots.

Next order of business: Director of Elections Robert Rapoza reviewed the Election Day results of the recount request of East Providence City Council Ward 3 candidate Candace Cain Seel and recommended a re-reading of the memory packs. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0 to re-read the memory packs

Next order of business: Director of Elections Robert Rapoza reviewed the Election Day result of the recount request of City of Providence, Ward 3 write-in candidate Marcus Mitchell, recommending that since the race results were not within the statutory requirements, that no recount should be authorized. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0, no recount.

Next order of business: The recount request and elections complaint of Warwick City Council Ward 1 candidate Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. were consolidated. Elections Director Robert Rapoza noted that the wide disparity between Mr. Maloney and the winning candidate exceeded the statutory provision. Mr. Maloney stated that his request was based on Election Day issues at the John Brown Francis precinct. Mr. Rapoza reviewed the machine count at the John Brown Francis precinct with the ballot applications at that precinct demonstrating that the numbers were identical. After hearing Mr. Rapoza's audit figures, Mr. Maloney thanked the Board for its thorough review and withdrew his complaint. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0 to deny the request for a recount.

The Board received the Election Day results of the State and Federal races and State Questions. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0 to certify the 2014 election results.

At 4:15 PM. the Board voted to adjourn. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, and motion passed 5-0.