

**R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 15, 2015**

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 3:07 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 voted to approve the minutes of October 30, 2014 and November 19, 2014. 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.

Next order of business: The Board voted to approve the meeting schedule for 2015. 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.

Next order of business: The unverified complaint filed by Cianci for Mayor against Priorities PVD and Myrth York. Attorney John Mancini represented Cianci for Mayor. The Board voted to dismiss the unverified complaint since it failed to comply with the Board's verification requirement. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, and Stephen Erickson all voting in the affirmative, Commissioner Rego dissenting, motion passed 4-1.

Next order of business: Staff recommendations for proposed legislation were tabled until the next Board Meeting to be scheduled for January 29, 2015 at 3:30 PM.

Next order of business: Consideration of the fiscal 2015 revised budget and the fiscal 2016 budget. The Board voted that the budget cover letter, addressed to the Governor, would not state that one of the primary purposes of the Board of Elections in the new fiscal year was the replacement of its building. Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Stephen Erickson and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, Chairman Pierce dissenting, motion passed 4-1.

The Board voted to approve the draft budget with an amendment that deleted the request for funding of new voting equipment. Commissioners Rhoda Perry, Stephen Erickson and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, Chairman Richard Pierce and Vice-Chairman William West dissenting, motion passed 3-2.

Next order of business: The Board voted to move into executive pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss and/or vote on 3 litigation matters including *Cianci for Mayor v. Richard H. Pierce, et al.*, C.A. No. PC2014-5311; *Newport Grand, LLC v.*

Citizens Concerned About Gambling, C.A. No. NC2014-0412; *Andreza Skipworth v. Rhode Island Board of Elections, et al.*, RICHR #15ERA087-06/06. 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.

Next order of business: Upon returning to the public session, the Board voted to seal the minutes of the executive session. 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.

Next order of business: At 4:50 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.