

R.I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 7:08 P.M. at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Acting Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen P. Erickson, Richard Pierce and Frank Rego. Executive Director Robert Kando and Legal Counsel Raymond Marcaccio were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman William West.

1. The Board voted to certify the mail ballots in the South Kingston Town Council election held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. Voting to certify the mail ballots were, Acting Chairman William West, Stephen P. Erickson, Richard Pierce and Frank Rego, all voting in the affirmative, mail ballots certified, 4-0.

Acting Chairman William West requested a moment of silence for the passing of Walter F. Rapoza, Sr.

2. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Voting to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2015 minutes were Commissioners Stephen P. Erickson, Richard Pierce and Frank Rego, all voting in the affirmative, Acting Chairman William West abstained as he was absent from the September 16, 2015 meeting. Motion passed 3-0, with 1 abstention.
3. The Board received a report from Rob Rock, Elections Director, from the Office of the Secretary of State on the procurement of new voting equipment. Rob Rock reported that the RFP will be submitted to the Division of Purchasing in a few days and once approved there will be 30 days for the bidding process. They are also in the process of preparing a Request For Information (RFI) for vendors for poll books. He informed the Board that Robert Rapoza has been very helpful with input required in purchasing the voting equipment. Rob Rock will continue to give the Board updates on the progress each month.
4. The Board voted to postpone until the next meeting the Affirmative Action Plan for submission to the State Equal Opportunity Office. Voting to postpone the Plan were Acting Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen P. Erickson, Richard Pierce and Frank Rego, all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 4-0.

5. The Board voted to postpone the submission of the draft for the supplemental 2016 budget and the 2017 budget. Voting to postpone the draft for submission until the next meeting were Acting Chairman William West, Commissioners, Stephen P. Erickson, Richard Pierce and Frank Rego, all voting in the affirmative, budget submission postponed, 4-0.

6. A motion was made to meet in executive session for the following:
 - a. Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §§42-46-5(a)(4) and 17-25-5(a)(7)(i) to discuss and/or vote on possible violations of campaign finance laws in a campaign finance matter.

 - b. Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(4) to discuss a civil investigation matter.

Commissioner Frank Rego motioned that Agenda item #8 Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1) to meet in executive session to discuss a personnel matter be postponed until the next meeting. Acting Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen P. Erickson, Richard Pierce and Frank Rego, all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 4-0.

Voting to meet in executive session for agenda items #6 (a) & #7 (b) were Acting Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen P. Erickson, Richard Pierce and Frank Rego, all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 4-0.

The Board moved to executive session at 8:24 P.M.

The Board meeting re-convened at 9:10 P.M.

At 9:05 P.M. Acting Chairman William West stated that the Executive Session ended because of the loss of the quorum and that no vote was taken. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 3:30. Meeting ended at 9:12 P.M. No quorum for adjournment.