

R.I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 7:10 P.M. at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Acting Chairman William West, Commissioners Stephen Erickson, Richard Pierce, and Frank Rego. Executive Director Robert Kando was also in attendance. Legal Counsel Raymond Marcaccio was not in attendance due to a personal medical issue.

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

1. The Board voted to certify the mail ballots for the Westerly Town Referendum and the Richmond Town Referendum. Voting to certify were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Pierce and Rego a voting in the affirmative. Motion to certify was adopted, 4-0.
2. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on October 7, 2015. Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Pierce and Rego all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 4-0.
3. Elections Director, Rob Rock from the Office of the Secretary of State gave an updated report on the procurement of the new voting equipment. He stated that there were three proposals that were submitted and that a technical review committee, which included Robert Rapoza, was reviewing all the proposals for selection. Rob Rock informed the Board that once the voting equipment is purchased, the Board of Elections will continue to store and maintain the equipment. He stated that except for the procurement of equipment, all responsibilities of the Secretary of State and Board of Elections are unchanged.
4. Robert Kando, Executive Director presented the Affirmative Action Plan for the Board of Elections to the State Equal Opportunity Office. He stated that the draft had been changed due to addressed concerns previously mentioned by Commissioners Erickson and Rego. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Affirmative Action Plan to the State Equal Opportunity Office. Voting to approve were, Acting Chairman West and Commissioner Pierce. Members Erickson and Rego abstained from voting. Motion failed to be adopted, there not being a majority of the quorum present voting in favor of the motion.

5. A motion was made to submit the supplemental 2016 budget and the 2017 budget for submission. Member Erickson requested that the budget and all subsequent matters be postponed until legal counsel could be present. After discussion, a motion was made to postpone Agenda items #5 thru #11 until the next meeting. Voting in favor of postponing the remaining agenda items were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Erickson, Pierce and Rego. Motion to postpone adopted 4-0.

The next meeting date was then set for November 18, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

A motion was made to adjourn. Voting to adjourn were Acting Chairman William West, Commissioners Erickson, Pierce and Rego, all voting in the affirmative, motion passed 4-0, meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.