

Meeting of the Board of Canvassers, held July 15, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the Burrillville Town Building, Harrisville, RI, for and within the Town of Burrillville.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Evelyn M. Levesque, Blanche L. Boisvert, Marjorie M. Fenley and alternate member Jacqueline Zahn.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Note: The meeting was opened by Louise R. Phaneuf, Clerk to the Board of Canvassers.

1. Introduction of new Board members.

Newly appointed Board members Marjorie M. Fenley and Jacqueline Zahn were introduced and sworn in by Louise R. Phaneuf.

2. Reorganization of the Board.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Clerk to the Board of Canvassers entertained nominations for the office of Chair of the Board of Canvassers.

Evelyn M. Levesque was nominated by Blanche L. Boisvert. Marjorie M. Fenley seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor were Evelyn M. Levesque, Blanche L. Boisvert and Marjorie M. Fenley.

Note: At this point, Louise R. Phaneuf turned the meeting over to Evelyn M. Levesque.

3. Approve the minutes of the meeting of June 19.

Motion by Marjorie M. Fenley. Second by Blanche L. Boisvert. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Evelyn M. Levesque, Blanche L. Boisvert and Marjorie M. Fenley.

4. Overview of the election calendar and duties and responsibilities of the Board.

Each member of the Board of Canvassers was provided with an election calendar as well as a copy of the Rhode Island Election Laws for their reference. Louise R. Phaneuf gave an overview of the election calendar as well as a description of the duties of the Board members on Election Day.

5. Certify nomination papers.

The Board certified the nomination papers that had been submitted by the local candidates and verified by the Clerk's staff.

6. Certify absentee ballot applications.

The Board certified the absentee ballot application that had been submitted thus far.

7. Other business.

Members of the Board of Canvassers were made aware of the potential issue surrounding the failure of the Democrat Town Committee to submit endorsement papers on time. It was noted that while the Committee and the candidates were not protesting the matter, there appeared to be an attempt by other members of the community to exploit the situation.

The Board was reminded that there was a meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 7 at 10:00 A.M. to appoint poll workers for the Primary Election and the Board of Elections would be holding an election seminar on Tuesday, August 5.

8. Adjournment.

Voted to adjourn at 11:25 A.M. Motion by Marjorie M. Fenley. Second by Blanche L. Boisvert. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Evelyn M. Levesque, Blanche L. Boisvert and Marjorie M. Fenley.

Attest: Cindy Ketcham, Administrative Aide