



Description of graphic: RI State Seal an anchor in gold behind a blue wheelchair logo. Just below is a blue banner with the state motto "Hope". All are in the center of a ring of 8 blue stars, in groups of 2 separated by the logos for Braille, hearing aids, low vision and amplified phone.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities Election Assistance Committee Meeting Minutes

May 19th, 2011 9:30-11 AM

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 Attendees:	Casey Gartland, Arthur Plitt, Grace Pires, Miguel Nunez, Robert Rapoza, Regina Connor, Jean Lawlor,
Absent:	Leo Canuel, Michelle Hayes, Steven Florio, Rory Carmody, Kate Bowden, Lorna Ricci
Guests:	None
Staff:	Bob Cooper, Harvey Salvas, Christopher DeGrave

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
 Clock graphic	Call to Order, Acceptance of the Minutes, Vice-Chair Nominations & Vote	Casey Gartland, Vice-Chairperson	9:30
Chair calls the meeting to order at 930am.			
MOTION: (1) To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as <i>presented/ revised</i>. Motion by: Regina Connor, Seconded by: Robert Rapoza- - Motion Passes Unanimous			

Action Items:			
 money graphic	HAVA Grant/ Budget Update	Bob Cooper	
Purpose/Goal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discuss and review HAVA grant activities & budget update ➤ New Grant Award \$ 			
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Less than 20k to be expended by September 2011- staff hours, RIDVP & administrative costs shall exhaust remaining amount. (GCD waiting on invoice from RIDVP) ➤ RIGCD in receipt of official award of \$48,000 of \$100,000. Remaining funding has been allocated. ➤ No Presidential recommendation made for additional HAVA funding beyond this federal fiscal year. 			

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 voting check off graphic	MOTION: None		
 poll worker graphic	Voter I.D. Bill Discussion/ Update	Jean Lawlor	
<p>Purpose/Goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To discuss current update on Voter I.D. legislation of 2011 <hr/> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ R.I. Senate passed voter I.D. bill # 0400. ➤ Advocacy & support still strong against the bill however –strong likelihood of passage in the RI House of Representatives. ➤ Fair Elections D.C. - Coalition against voter i.d. supporting RIDVP & agencies in RI against the bill. ➤ RIDVP & other agencies/ entities closely monitoring bill movement/ vote in the House. 			
 voting check off graphic	MOTION: None		
 poll worker graphic	Polling Place Re-Districting & Consolidation Discussion ***Fire Station Polling Place Use	Bob Cooper & Christopher DeGrave	
<p>Purpose/Goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To discuss the latest information on polling place redistricting & consolidation ➤ To discuss fire department use as polling places and make other recommendations as a committee. <hr/> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ R.I. Senate bill # 0924- Bill creates a study commission to draft and report on the reapportionment of voting districts throughout the State of Rhode Island. ➤ Low likelihood of district establishment/ modification final approval prior to May 2012. Enabling legislation for reapportionment- historically in June of the election year. ➤ Delayed timeline raises issues of spending HAVA funding on polling place modifications as well as time constraints for actual modifications/ installations. ➤ R.I. House Bill #4804- Bill increases the number of voters to 4,000 per polling location. Bill passage could reduce number of polling places from 			

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	541 to under 400. ➤ The above bill (#4804) would allow for the use of the “more” accessible polling place locations essentially eliminating the need to use the historically problematic locations. ➤ Fire departments and other polling locations with years of polling accessibility issues would be the first to be eliminated as such.		
 voting check off graphic	MOTION: None		

 polling place graphic	Polling Place Accessibility: Project & Next Steps?	Harvey Salvas & Christopher DeGrave	
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Purpose/Goal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discuss/ Review Potential HAVA Projects: Polling Place Signage/ Parking Signage ➤ Discuss funding support & purchasing next steps- Proactive Purchases (Equipment/ Training/ Ect.) ➤ Town of South Kingstown BOC: Lift Request 			
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion of HAVA funding and spending with concern of redistricting and elimination of polling locations. ➤ Committee discussion/ B.Cooper requests that all projects become “contracts” indicating lack of use as a polling place after modification would make municipality liable to reimburse the state. ➤ Discussion concerning pro-active metal “Accessible Polling Location” Signage purchase in near future ➤ R. Rapoza to discuss necessary equipment needs with BOE staff and report back to EAC. ➤ South Kingstown Lift Discussion- Application for polling place modification grant received from the Town of South Kingstown for a lift install at the Curtis Corner Middle School. ➤ Single quote from KONE indicates materials and install cost of \$29,385.70. (State of RI Requires 3 Quotes) ➤ Lift specifics discussed, approx. 34” height needed, double entrance/exit. 			

 voting check off graphic	MOTION: To approve HAVA funds to not exceed \$20,000 for the purchase and installation of a lift for the South Kingstown Curtis Corner Middle School polling location. Moneys to be awarded once a contract with town indicates that if Curtis Corner Middle School is not used for a polling place, moneys will be repaid to the RI Governor’s Commission on Disabilities. <i>Motion by: Regina Connor, Seconded by: Grace Pires - Motion Passes Unanimous</i>		
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	RI Disability Vote Project	Jean Lawlor	
<p>Purpose: Update on events & discuss next steps for the RIDVP.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ RIDVP currently in a strategic planning process ➤ Working to make voting & training "exciting!" ➤ Creation of a new program model & reinvigorated mission statement ➤ Revised performance based achievements & goals ➤ Discussed briefly- RIDVP 501-C3 conversion and impacts/ pros & cons. 			
	<p>MOTION: To request to borrow an AutoMark voting machine from the Rhode Island Board of Elections for training purposes to be used by the RIGCD staff and RIDVP.</p> <p><i>Motion by: Arthur Plitt, Seconded by: Jean Lawlor- Motion Passes Unanimous</i></p>		
	Announcements	Casey Gartland	10:35
	None at this time...		
	Agenda and Meeting Scheduling	Casey Gartland	10:40
Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda: NONE			
Next meeting will be on: August 25th, 2011			
	Adjournment	Casey Gartland	10:45
	<p>MOTION: To adjourn [@ 10:45am] by Arthur Plitt, Seconded by Regina Connor.</p>		