



**Governor's Commission on Disabilities
Election Assistance Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 2nd, 2014 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

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Attendees: Rory Carmody (Chairperson); Casey Gartland (Vice Chair.); Kate Bowden; Regina Connor; Grace Pires; Arthur Plitt; Robert Rapoza; Miguel Nunez

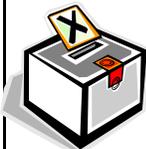
Guests: NA

Staff: Christopher DeGrave & Christine Rancourt-Bruzzi



2:00 Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Rory Carmody, Chairperson

Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:05pm.
Introductions of Committee Members
Approval of Minutes



MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.
Motion by: Casey Gartland
Seconded by: Grace Pires
Motion Passes- Vote Unanimous

Action Items:



2:05 Primary Election Action Review, Rory Carmody, Chair

Purpose/Goal: To review our 2014 Primary Efforts, what worked, what did not?

Discussion:

- Polling-Place Inspection (Primary Election Day) Survey Reviews
 - 4 Field Surveys- 80+ locations
 - Less than 15% issues reported
 - Only 1 structural/ access Issue- Ramp/ Walkway Finding
 - Top Findings:
 - Permanent Disability Parking Signage (Missing, Damaged, Not

	<p>Present or Placed Properly)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lack of parking access aisles (striping or cones) ▪ Interior route signage could be improved at some voting locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No phoned in complaints to the RIGCD ○ New voter hotline established by the BOE for voter issues ○ Some calls for assistance placed to the RI Disability Law Center-generated by the RIPTA van/ bus advertisements <p>➤ Overall positive accessibility results in our survey findings – most all issues found were minor and/or mitigated on-site</p>
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	<p>2:15 Polling Place HAVA Grant-Payment/ Budget Update, <i>Christopher DeGrave</i></p>
	<p>Purpose/Goal: To discuss and review the payments and processing of the 2014 HAVA grants as awarded.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Over 28 grants awarded for projects statewide (\$225,000 +) ➤ Over 85% of all grants have been awarded or processed for payment ➤ 95% of the HAVA Grant polling-place accessibility projects have been completed to ADA standard and have been inspected and/or documented with photographs. ➤ RIGCD staff continuing to process the outstanding grants & reimbursements
	<p>MOTION: No motion made.</p>
	<p>2:50 General Election Action Plan, <i>C. DeGrave, GCD Staff</i></p> <p>Purpose/Goal: Discuss & review the committee action plan for the General Election in November.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Analyze primary election survey data and distribute to BOE & Local Boards of Canvassers for repairs & adjustments ➤ RIGCD Staff to participate in (4) BOE Technician trainings in October/November ➤ Public Transportation & Community Flyers- Printing Costs & Distribution (Rory & Casey) ➤ 100% of HAVA Polling-Place Accessibility Grants to be awarded & projects completed/ inspected by the Election. ➤ Committee Volunteers for Polling Place Surveyor Assistants (Rory & Casey) **Assignments to follow. ➤ Additional volunteers to be recruited by GCD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Election & Access Committee reformulation potential after January meeting due to GCD/ HAVA budget and priority revisions.
	<p>MOTION: To approve the expenditure of up to \$6,000.00 for printing/ distribution costs of voter accessibility flyers through public transportation and other community means.</p> <p>Motion by: Regina Connor</p> <p>Seconded by: Arthur Plitt</p> <p>Voter Unanimous- Motion Approved</p>
	<p>3:15 <i>Agenda for the Next Meeting, Rory Carmody, Chair</i></p> <p>Purpose/Goal: To set the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion: The Election Assistance Committee has a scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 22nd, 2014 at 2pm.</p> <p>Future Agenda Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Election & Access Committee reformulation ➤ General Election Survey Results/ Voter Accessibility Update
	<p>3:00 <i>Committee Adjournment, Rory Carmody</i></p> <p>MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Motion by: Regina Connor</p> <p>Seconded by: Casey Gartland</p> <p>Voter Unanimous- Motion Approved</p>