



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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NOTICE

The Board of Elections will meet in their offices, 50 Branch Avenue, Providence, R.I. as follows:

Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 3:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- The Board may vote to approve the minutes for the meeting held on January 29, 2015 and February 10, 2015.
- The Board may vote to revise the minutes of the meeting held on October 27, 2014.
- The Board may vote to certify mail ballots for the Central Falls Special Election.
- The Board may vote to approve and/or amend staff recommendations for proposed legislation for submission to the General Assembly (The full text of the proposed staff changes can be found at the Board of Elections website www.elections.ri.gov). The summary of the proposed staff changes is as follows:

The proposed change to 17-25-10(a)(1) and 17-25-10(c) will include the candidate as an allowable recipient of campaign contributions, consistent with language throughout other sections of Chapter 25.

The proposed addition of 17-25-10(a)(4) will require all candidates to maintain a separate bank account as a depository of campaign funds which shall not be comingled with monies from other sources.

The proposed change to 17-25-10(b) will eliminate the ambiguity of reporting requirements for an independent advocate following the enactment of 17-25.3

The proposed change to 17-25-11(e) will allow a candidate who funds his/her own campaign, or who receives contributions in-kind from its political party to qualify for the annual filing exemption.

The change to 17-25-11(g) will cap total fines at \$1,000 and prohibit non-filers and candidates and committees with outstanding fines from declaring for office or accepting contributions or making expenditures until the non-compliance is remedied.

- The Board may vote to approve and/or amend proposed legislative recommendations by members of the board.
- The Board may discuss and may vote on legislation supported by Common Cause of Rhode Island and the ACLU of Rhode Island that would amend R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-18 for the purpose of subjecting the Board to the rule-making requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act.
- Board may discuss the final budget submission for 2016.
- The Board may vote on a motion concerning legislative procedures and advocacy.
Draft of Resolution:

Resolved:

1. Staff shall report all requests to testify before legislative committees on budget and legislative matters to all members of the Board
 2. Staff for the Board shall not testify for or against any legislation on behalf of the Board, or in a staff capacity, without prior determination of the Board's position by the full Board.
- The Board may vote on a motion of support for the following legislation
 - 2015-S0058 (Lombardi) (allowing bake sales at polling places where appropriate)
 - Consideration of methods for evaluation of direct report staff and outlining a time frame for adopting a framework and appropriate tool for evaluation.
 - The Board may meet in executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss and/or vote on *Andreza Skipworth v. Rhode Island Board of Elections, et al.*, RICHR #15ERA087-06/06 and DLT No. 1503604-00, and a personnel matter pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 42-26-5(a)(1).

Said meetings are open meetings and all interested parties are invited to attend. Those persons having any questions should direct them to the undersigned at 222-2345. Persons requiring hearing assistance or interpreter services must call this office at least 48 hours in advance of the meetings.

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