

**BOARD OF CANVASSERS  
JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND  
June 28, 2023**

An advertised meeting of the Board of Canvassers was called to order at 9:37 AM by Carol Nelson-Lee at 93 Narragansett Ave. The following member were also present.

Ken Newman  
Linda Jamison, Alternate

Absent: Hugh Murphy, Kitty Wineberg, Alternate

Also present was: Karen Montoya, Clerk to the Board of Canvasser; Keith Ford, Clerk to the Board of Canvasser, Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Newman made a motion to accept the minutes May 15, 2022. Ms. Jamison seconded. So Voted.

Ms. Montoya introduced Mr. Ford as the incoming Canvassing Clerk that will be taking over the position.

Ms. Montoya advised of the timetable for the Congressional District 1 (CD1) Primary that will be held on September 15, 2023. Voter registration deadline is August 6, 2023. Mail ballot Application deadline for the Primary is August 15, 2023. Early voting period for the Primary will be August 16 thru September 5, 2023 with the exception of weekends and holidays.

Ms. Montoya opened the discussion regarding the passage of the RIGL that allows for combining polling places. She advised the board that combining both precincts on September 5 Special Primary. Discussion ensued regarding the special election being on the first day of school. Ms. Montoya reported she has been in contact with Jeanette Warner of the Jamestown School Department and the school department has approved Lawn Ave as a voting site. A discussion ensued about issues such as parking and the lack there of handicap spots as there is currently one. Mr. Newman discussed handicap signage and allotting some spots closer to the door for ease of use and by making the request to school staff to park further away. Mr. Newman motioned that the Board vote on combining both the polling places into one and using the Lawn Ave School. Ms. Jamison seconded. So voted.

Ms. Jamison advised that she will be working on a campaign for a candidate that will be running in the CD1 race. She has discussed with other board members about whether she needs to take a leave of absence or resign. Ms. Montoya added that the law is silent according to the Board of Election. A question was raised on whether Ms. Jamison was being pressured by the Board. Ms. Montoya advised that this was

brought up by Ms. Jamison herself. Ms. Jamison advised she wanted to be upfront and to avoid unfavorable consequences to the Board of Canvassers or any political candidate. Ms. Montoya commented that the Board is fortunate to have Ms. Jamison and she has been a great Board member. Discussion ensued. Ms. Jamison will reach out to the Ethics Board for a ruling and will advise the Board with the outcome.

Mr. Newman moved to adjourn and Ms. Jamison seconded at 1020 AM. So Voted

Attest:



Keith Ford

Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

Cc: Town Council Members (5)

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Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk