

**JAMESTOWN ELECTIONS TRAINING AND ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Laura Goldstein, Chair pro tempore of the Committee, called the meeting of the Jamestown Elections Training and Advisory Ad hoc Committee to order at 10:07 a.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall small conference room at 93 Narragansett Avenue.

II. ROLL CALL

A scheduled meeting of the Jamestown Elections Training and Advisory Ad hoc Committee was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Committee members present were as follows: Ms. Laura Goldstein, Ms. Daphne Meredith, Ms. Marlene Murphy, and Mr. Kenneth Newman.

Also in attendance was Mr. Keith Ford, Deputy Town Clerk /Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

III. MINUTES

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/ or Vote:

1.) Minutes of the Elections Training and Advisory Ad hoc Committee meeting of April 24, 2024

Ms. Meredith moved to waive the reading of the minutes. Mr. Newman seconded the motion and the motion was approved as follows: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Meredith Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye. The vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Newman moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion and it was approved as follows: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Meredith Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye. The vote passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS / OPEN FORUM

No public comment was given

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Training Program and Development

1.) Update on Jamestown voter brochure and dissemination

Ms. Goldstein noted that the QR presently on the Brochure is not working. Mr. Newman suggested linking the QR code to <http://vote.ri.gov> and the Committee agreed. Conversation turned to a discussion of dissemination and the Committee reiterated the offer of Mr. Berczuk of the Jamestown Press to fund printing and insertion of the Brochure into the paper during the upcoming election cycle. The committee discussed the need to keep our recommendations within the scope of our mission and concluded that while the issues we raise germane to elections, voting and voter information may have application beyond the Town of Jamestown, it is neither our mission nor our responsibility to produce a generic statewide brochure and/or to

procure funds for dissemination of same. We can, of course, identify possible sources of funding for our community and others for the future.

2.) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Updates on brochure approval from Secretary of State, Board of Elections, and Jamestown Board of Canvassers.

Formal approval is still pending from the Secretary of State's office and the State Board of Elections. The Jamestown Board of Canvassers will review the brochure at its May 13th meeting. (Following the meeting, Mr. Ford notified the Committee that the May 13th date is unworkable due to scheduling conflicts; he will add the item to the next available Board of Canvassers' meeting).

B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Advisory Role

1.) Continue to work on list of issues/problems and next steps for reporting information to the various entities.

The Committee thanked Ms. Goldstein for generating a separate working document incorporating our list of previously identified issues and problems around voter information/education and the conduct of elections. From now on the list will be known as the "Jamestown Election Training and Advisory Committee Problem List and Action Plans (the "List"). The List is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein by reference. For this meeting, the Committee discussed the first 8 items on the List and proposed solutions and ways to address the identified issues. The changes and addenda to the List generated during this meeting are noted in bolded italics.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:

1.) Review poll worker salaries in Rhode Island

Ms. Goldstein presented the Committee with copies of a document listing poll worker salaries in Rhode Island's communities, published by the state. The Committee reviewed and noted the range in compensation and lack of conformity. The Committee also discussed the difficulty some communities have in attracting poll workers and wondered about the viability of hiring from outside the community and made changes and additions to the list accordingly.

2.) Discuss potential grant sources to fund printing of voter information materials
(Please see " Unfinished Business," above, and the List, attached).

3.) Discuss ways to advertise voter education issues via PSAs and local TV in addition to the local press.

The Committee discussed writing articles for, and/or placing articles in, various local in addition to the local press, as well as other ways to disseminate information and attract poll workers.

Ms. Meredith moved to approve the following dates for subsequent meetings, with Ms. Goldstein to serve as chairperson pro tempore in Ms. Jamison's absence on May 8: May 8th, May 15th, May 22, May 29, all at 10:00 a.m.. Ms. Murphy previously volunteered to act as recording secretary during Ms. Meredith's absence May 15. Mr. Newman seconded the motion and the motion was approved as follows: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Meredith Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye. The vote passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Meredith made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Newman. Vote: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Meredith Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye. The vote passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Attest:



Daphne Meredith
Secretary

Cc: Town Council Members(5); Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk