

**JAMESTOWN ELECTIONS TRAINING AND ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Linda Jamison, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting of the Jamestown Elections Training and Advisory Ad hoc Committee to order at 10:05 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 Friday, May 24, 2024. Committee members present were as follows: Ms. Nancy Beye, Ms. Laura Goldstein, Ms. Linda Jamison, Ms. Daphne Meredith, Ms. Marlene Murphy, and Mr. Kenneth Newman.

III. MINUTES

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

1.) Minutes of the Elections Training and Advisory Ad hoc Committee meeting of May 8, 2024

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

Mr. Newman moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion and it was approved as follows: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Jamison, 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:

1.) Review previous discussions on draft of Elections Training and Advisory Ad hoc Committee Problem/ Action plan (the "List")

The Committee revisited the question of how pending legislation might address some of the concerns raised by the issues and concerns we have raised. Mr. Alex Finkelman, our state

representative, will deliver to us a list of 4 pending, relevant bills, together with an update as to where they currently lie in the legislative process.

Formal approval of the voter brochure is still pending from the Secretary of State's office and the State Board of Elections. As was voted on in our prior committee meeting, Mr Newman presented that a copy of our *preliminary working draft* of the List to the Association of Boards of Canvassers to keep them informed of the work that we are doing. He reported back to the Committee that the List and brochure were very well received. Our own Board of Canvassers in particular, were very interested and supportive.

This Committee discussed the need to send our formal report up the chain for review as soon as possible. Ms. Goldstein reminded the Committee that some of the issues under discussion and raised in our report are time-sensitive as we are coming up on an election cycle soon. The Committee noted that the reaction time of state entities to items raised in our report may be highly variable.

There was discussion regarding the possibility that committees such as this Ad hoc committee may be made permanent in the future, and discussion regarding the prospective increase in the scope of responsibilities of local Boards of Canvassers.

The Committee then turned its attention to the List, beginning with item 15 and completing our review of all the items today. Ms. Goldstein changed the draft List to note corrections, consolidation of items, amendments to the language, and other changes suggested by committee members and agreed upon by this committee. She will revise the List accordingly to reflect today's discussion and we will begin finalizing our report accordingly.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

1.) Presentation to the Board of Elections

At the suggestion of Mr Newman, who is acquainted with the inner workings of the Board of Elections, the Committee agreed to postpone its meeting with members of the Board until the middle of June.

2.) Next Meeting Date

Ms Beye left the meeting at 11:15.

Ms Jamison moved to set the next meeting for Wednesday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Meredith seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Meredith Aye; Ms. Jamison, Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye. The vote passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Newman made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ms. Meredith. Vote: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Jamison, Aye; Ms. Meredith Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye. The vote passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Meredith', written in a cursive style.

Daphne Meredith
Secretary

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