

**JAMESTOWN ELECTIONS TRAINING AND ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024
10:15 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 10:16 a.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall Town Council chambers 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 8, 2024. Committee members present were as follows: Ms. Nancy Beye, 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 May 1, 2024

The Committee read/reviewed the minutes individually. Mr. Newman moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion and it was approved as follows: Ms. Beye, Aye; 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:

1.) Review previous discussions on draft of Elections Training and Advisory Ad hoc Committee Problem/ Action plan utilizing working task list for committee members (the "List")

The Committee discussed how pending legislation might address some of the concerns raised by the List. Mr. Newman offered to deliver a list of relevant pending legislation and its status to the Committee so that we can better track this. The Committee also discussed the possibility of placing PSA announcements on RIPTA buses: apparently this is under consideration by the state.

2.) Change in schedule for Jamestown Board of Canvassers' meeting

Formal approval of the voter brochure is still pending from the Secretary of State's office and the State Board of Elections. Mr. Ford previously notified the Committee that the Jamestown Board of Canvassers will review the brochure at its next available meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

1.) Continue discussions on draft of Problem/ Action plan utilizing working task list for committee members

The Committee discussed whether we should be raising questions regarding oversight of the role of the DMV in voter registration because of past glitches with its systems, such as voters' party affiliations being changed without their knowledge or consent. At the present time, it is possible to change one's party affiliation at the DMV, and the town receives signatures from the DMV for its voter records. The Committee also discussed the issue of ballot design, including fonts. There was general agreement that we should be cognizant of our tone when delivering the List to the relevant parties who are in a position to implement change. Committee members agreed that our priority at this time is to focus on content; we will certainly hone the language and the delivery of our message at a later date before anything is sent up the chain.

The Committee continued to discuss items on the List, incorporated into these minutes by reference. Specifically, the committee discussed items items 9-15 on the List, with Ms. Goldstein and others keeping notes of changes and additions. The additions and changes will be noted in red and will be reviewed at our next meeting.

The Committee then discussed Mr. Newman's request that the State Association of Boards of Canvassers be shown a copy of our working list. The committee emphasized the importance of noting to that body that the List is in draft form and still a work in progress.

Mr Newman moved that a copy of our **preliminary working draft** of the List be shown to the Association of Boards of Canvassers to keep them informed of the work that we are doing. Ms Murphy seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Ms.Beye, Aye; Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Meredith Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye. The vote passed unanimously.

Ms. Meredith moved to reschedule the May 22nd meeting to May 24th at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: Ms.Beye, Aye; 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. Beye, Aye; Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Meredith Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye. The vote passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:36 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