

JAMESTOWN ELECTIONS TRAINING AND ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17,2024
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 10:11 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, July 17, 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 June 25, 2024

Ms. Meredith moved to waive the reading of the minutes. Mr. Newman 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.

Ms. Goldstein moved to approve 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.

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 continued revising the draft of its report to the Town Council and state entities (the "Report"). The Report has evolved from our previous discussions during which we have identified problems pertinent to elections and the electoral process and brainstormed solutions to those issues. That working document was previously characterized as the "List." The Committee has been editing the draft Report collaboratively, item by item. After general discussion concerning the Report, the Committee agreed to work on the present draft individually and present edits and corrections for discussion when we next meet.

(Ms. Godlstein has continued to make corrections to the Report and to the voter brochure as necessary based on our discussions).

Mr. Newman reported that he will be previewing/presenting our working draft of the Report to the Association of Boards of Canvassers as well as to the Democratic delegation to the Democratic National Committee. The Committee discussed next steps, including the presentation of the report to the Town Council, hopefully at its next meeting on August 19. The Committee also indicated a desire to convene a group of state officials to whom to present the report.

Ongoing concerns/solutions noted or touched upon by the Committee included: the quality and accessibility of materials for prospective candidates; the lack of responsiveness generally on the part of state officials regarding items in our Report; the urgency to produce voter information materials and publicize same prior to early voting; and, possible solutions to the composition/coloration of "I Voted" stickers (a contest in the schools to produce new designs as has been done elsewhere).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

- 1.) Committee Charge from Town Council is set to expire on 9/7/2024 discussion and vote on whether to reach out to Town Council to allot more time or move toward a full committee.

Ms Goldstein moved to request full committee status from the Town Council. Mr Newman seconded the motion. The motion was approved as follows: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Jamison, Aye; Ms. Meredith Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye. The vote passed unanimously.

2.) Next Meeting Date

Ms Jamison moved to set the next meeting for Thursday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Meredith made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Murphy. Vote: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Jamison, Aye; Ms. Meredith Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye. The vote passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Attest:



Daphne Meredith
Secretary

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

