

JAMESTOWN BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025
2:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Canvassers was called to order at 2:41 P.M. at 93 Narragansett Ave in the Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers. Board of Canvassers Members present were as follows: Mr. Kenneth Newman, and Ms. Daphne Meredith. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Hugh Murphy, Ms. Jennifer Thran, and Ms. Laura Goldstein.

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

II. MINUTES

A) Approval of Minutes; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:

1) Board of Canvassers meeting of February 19, 2025.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item for the above minutes. Ms. Meredith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented with a second by Mr. Newman. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; and Ms. Meredith, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

B) Approval of Minutes; Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:

1) Board of Canvassers meeting of March 4, 2025.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item for the above minutes. Ms. Meredith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented with a second by Mr. Newman. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; and Ms. Meredith, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy entered the meeting at 2:44 P.M.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Board of Canvassers Vacancy Appointments.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item of the appointments to the Board. Ms. Meredith was appointed to the unexpired full member term ending in March 2028. Mr. Newman was appointed to the full member term ending March 2031. Ms. Goldstein was appointed to the alternate member term ending March 2031. Mr. Ford commented that all of the members have been sworn in and certificates were issued to each person. *No Vote/Action taken.*

B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action, and/or Vote: Board of Canvassers Liaison to the Elections Training and Advisory Committee.

Mr. Newman opened the agenda item for discussion and commented that the committee has been tasked with several important items that the ad hoc committee has researched. The Board of Elections (BOE) Executive Director has shown interest to attend a meeting to get feedback from them. Mr. Murphy inquired as to if the vacancies have been published in the Jamestown Press for the committee. Mr. Ford commented that the ad has run for two weeks and we may have to readvertise. Mr. Ford also commented that there have been several interested parties, one republican and three democrats have shown interest, no one has submitted an application as of yet. He will reach back out to the interested parties. *A Discussion Ensued.*

Mr. Newman made a motion to table the agenda item until the April meeting to have Ms. Goldstein in attendance for the discussion with a second by Ms. Meredith. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; and Ms. Meredith, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

IV. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Newman commented regarding the changes of how the Board of Elections, Board of Canvassers and poll workers are now compared to in the past. He also commented that Mr. Murphy raised questions about signatures and verification of signatures. His concerns were legitimate and began a discussion on how close signatures needed to be, curing the signatures and moving forward. *A Discussion ensued regarding signatures.*
No other items/individuals for open forum.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Murphy made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ms. Meredith. Vote: Mr. Newman, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; and Ms. Meredith, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:11 P.M.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Keith Ford', written in black ink.

Keith Ford
Deputy Town Clerk/Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

CC: Town Council Members (5)
Board of Canvassers (5)
Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk