City of Central Falls
Board of Canvassers Meeting
Central Falls City Hall
580 Broad St. Central Falls, RI 02863
Tuesday, August 4, 2026
3:00 am

Minutes

1. Roll Call
   The meeting was called to order at 3:18 pm by Chair Ryan Oldmixon. Roll call was conducted, and the following members were present: Ryan Oldmixon, Chair; Belmiro Bala, Member; John Marenzana, Member; Candida Silva, Deputy City Clerk; Alberto DeBurgo, City Clerk. A quorum was established

2. Pledge of Allegiance
   Ryan Oldmixon led the board in the pledge of allegiance

3. Items for Discussion, Vote, and/or other action *(votes may be taken on all items)*

   The Board may vote to certify to the Secretary of State the final form of local ballot questions to be placed on Nov. 3, 2026, General Election ballot, The four local questions, in accordance with the R.I. Gen. Laws 17-19-7 are:
   (votes may be taken on all items)

Central Falls 2026 Local Ballot Questions

1) CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING MAYORAL TERM LIMITS
Shall section 3-400 of the Charter be amended to remove the consecutive-service loophole that currently permits unlimited lifetime service by allowing a Mayor to serve 8 years, sit out a term, and run again indefinitely, and instead establish a 12-year lifetime limit for service as Mayor?

2) CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING CITY COUNCIL TERM LIMITS
Shall section 2-100 of the Charter be amended to remove the consecutive-service loophole that currently permits unlimited lifetime service by allowing a City Council member to serve 8 years, sit out a term, and run again indefinitely, and instead establish a 12-year lifetime limit for service as a City Council member?

3) CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS LAWS
Shall sections 8-100, 300 and 301 of the Charter be amended to remove ambiguity, clarify that all elected and appointed officers must comply with all relevant city and state ethics laws, and update related enforcement and penalty provisions accordingly?

4) CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF POLICE AND FIRE CHIEFS
Shall section 4-700 of the Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor, with the approval of a majority of members of the council, shall appoint the Police Chief and the Fire Chief?

A motion to approve all the above 2026 General Election ballot questions was made by John Marenzana Board Member, seconded by Belmiro Bala, Member. Passed 3/0.

4. Adjournment
   Meeting called to adjournment at 3:20 pm. The motion was made by John Marenzana, Board Member, seconded by Belmiro Bala, Board Member. Passed 3/0.

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