

EAST PROVIDENCE CANVASSING AUTHORITY MEETING
DATE JANUARY 6, 2021 12:05 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM A
EAST PROVIDENCE CITY HALL
145 TAUNTON AVENUE
EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914

The meeting was called to order virtually through an application called "Zoom" at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday January 6, 2021 in Conference Room A

Present were Peter Barilla, Chairman, Elizabeth Pegg, Clerk, Nicholas Oliver, Member, and Leslie Shattuck Moore, Canvassing Administrator.

A motion made by Nicholas Oliver, member to Certify Local Election held on November 3, 2020 seconded by Elizabeth Pegg, Clerk. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion made by Nicholas Oliver, Member to accept the minutes held on August 18, 2020 as Amended, seconded by Elizabeth Pegg, Clerk. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion made by Nicholas Oliver, Member to accept the minutes held on October 13, 2020 as Amended, seconded by Elizabeth Pegg, Clerk. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion made by Nicholas Oliver, Member to accept the minutes held on October 29, 2020 seconded by Elizabeth Pegg, Clerk. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion made by Nicholas Oliver, Member to close the meeting on November 3, 2020 that recessed until the write-ins ballots were completed seconded by Elizabeth Pegg Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Pegg, Clerk to approve the minutes held on November 3, 2020 until the next BOC meeting, seconded by Nicholas Oliver, Member, to defer the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to approve Martin Middle School as a polling location for March 2, 2021.

Nicholas Oliver, Member had some concerns and asked the question, "Because we are holding the emergency early voting twenty days prior to the Election day at City Hall, why are we moving on the last day to Martin Middle School"? He stated from our experience with the Presidential Election, City Hall a central location within the city can host a capacity for Election Day voting in a special election that will motivate less voters in March compared to November.

He also stated we need to further discuss this before signing a document authorizing this polling place. Peter Barilla concurred with Nicholas and stated he doesn't understand why we need two polling places, and one would be sufficient, also will be cost effective. Peter also stated we need more information from the BOE. Leslie stated she e-mailed the BOE and it was stated that the reason for the two polling places was due to complaints with polling places in Woonsocket and other polling places around the state regarding access and parking.

Leslie asked both Peter and Nicholas if they wanted her to contact Miguel Nunez, Deputy Director of Elections for further information and therefore they can ask the necessary questions. It was agreed and the call took place. Questions of concerned were posed to Miguel.

Miguel reiterated that since the last election things have changed due to problems with other polling places around the state. There were access complaints as well as parking. Both Peter and Nicholas felt due to the Bond Election, it will not bring out a greater number of voters, therefore, it was felt that one polling place would be sufficient and City Hall would be the ideal place because it would provide easy access, parking for the voters, and the bus line being on Taunton Avenue would be ideal.

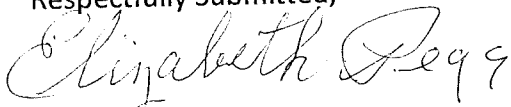
Miguel asked Leslie, because of the Covid 19 is City Hall still closed. Answer was yes, however she will speak to Mayor DaSilva about opening City Hall for the March 2, 2021 Bond Election.

Miguel also stated he would send Steve Taylor, Poll Inspector for the BOE to check for accurate accessibility.

This agenda motion to approve two polling places was deferred until January 11, 2021 when the BOC will meet.

Motion to adjourn was made by Elizabeth Pegg, Clerk and seconded by Nicholas Oliver, Member, Motion carried 3-0. Adjournment 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Pegg".

Elizabeth Pegg, Clerk