



**CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND  
CANVASSING AUTHORITY  
CITY HALL – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
43 BROADWAY, NEWPORT, RI 02840  
DECEMBER 7, 2021  
11:30 A.M.**

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**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2021
- 4. Communication (to be received/any item may be pulled for discussion and/or action by the Board)**
  - a. Report on activities of the Canvassing Department for the month of November, 2021
  - b. U.S. Department of Justice Press Release titled *Two Iranian Nationals Charged for Cyber-Enabled Disinformation and Threat Campaign Designed to Influence the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election*
  - c. Copy of *Notice of Change of Address* being sent to RI voters in accordance with RIGL 17-9.1-27
  - d. Segment of Nellie's Notes, Issue 74, November 2021 *Delivering New Transparency to Redistricting*
  - e. Resolution of the Newport City Council #2021-83 establishing a Charter Review Commission to provide recommendations for Charter amendments to be placed on the November 8, 2022 ballot
  - f. Memorandum from Canvassing Clerk regarding temporary absence from the office for vacation
- 5. Unfinished Business**
  - a. Update relative to re-drawing of the city's ward and precinct lines in accordance with the Newport Charter *Section 3-7 Wards*; and RIGL 17-11-1 *Division of towns and representative district into voting districts* pursuant to the 2020 Census data
    - (1) Resolution of the Newport City Council #2021-84 providing direction to the Canvassing Authority relative to the process for the redrawing of the city ward and precinct lines
    - (2) Communication from Rob Rock, Director of Elections regarding redistricting timeline
    - (3) Review and consideration of 2022 Re-districting timeline proposed by the Canvassing Clerk
    - (4) Consideration of draft RFP #22-014, *Redistricting and Reprecincting Consulting Services*

- b. Update on appointment of member to the Canvassing Authority to replace David F. Roderick, Jr. in accordance with RI General Law 17-8-1 *Appointment of Bipartisan Authority*
  - (1) Communication from Susan Taylor, Chair of the Newport Democratic City Committee, providing the names of five candidates to be considered for nomination by Mayor Napolitano, and further consideration for appointment to the Canvassing Authority by the City Council at their meeting of December 8, 2021

**6. New Business**

- a. Consideration of 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule as required by RI General Law 42-46-6 (a) *Notice*
- b. Selection of new Chairperson of the Canvassing Authority

**7. Adjourn**

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