

CITY OF CRANSTON
BOARD OF CANVASSERS
Election Meeting of April 2, 2024 – OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Cranston Board of Canvassers met on April 2, 2024, in a meeting advertised in accordance with the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act on March 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Kirk McDonough, at 6:01 a.m. It was held in the Canvassing Authority Office, Room 100, at Cranston City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Piscopiello, Quilcia Moronta, Kirk McDonough

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Nicholas Lima (Registrar / Director of Elections), Peter Rivelli (Board Alternate), Theresa Bucci (Canvassing Aide), Maria Madonna (Data Entry and Maintenance Specialist), Emerson Brito (Bilingual Elections Specialist), Maj. Todd Patalano (Cranston Police Election Detail Commander)

The chair declared a quorum present.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER (NO VOTES TAKEN)
- II. THE CRANSTON BOARD OF CANVASSERS WILL CONVENE TO CONDUCT THE APRIL 2, 2024 RHODE ISLAND PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION, AND WILL REMAIN IN SESSION THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE DAY UNTIL THE CLOSE OF BOARD BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.I. GEN. LAWS § 17-8-9. THE BOARD MAY HEAR AND CONSIDER ANY ELECTION MATTER THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE RULING OR DETERMINATION. POLLING LOCATIONS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. AT ASSIGNED PRECINCTS. (VOTES MAY BE TAKEN)
- III. THE BOARD MAY CERTIFY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.I. GEN. LAWS § 17-20-10 (VOTES MAY BE TAKEN)
- IV. ADJOURNMENT (VOTE MAY BE TAKEN)

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Mr. McDonough called the meeting to order. New Board Member Steven Piscopiello and Board Alternate Peter Rivelli were sworn in by the Registrar prior to the start of the meeting.

Mr. McDonough welcomed the new members to the Board of Canvassers.

MOTION: By Ms. Moronta and seconded by Mr. Piscopiello to officially open the Election Meeting.
PASSED ROLL CALL VOTE – 3-0 – Ms. Moronta, Mr. Piscopiello, and Mr. McDonough voting aye.

All 12 polling locations were opened on time throughout the city. Turnout was exceptionally light, and no notable incidents were reported. Board members and staff visited the polling locations and assisted poll workers throughout the day. The police detail provided security. A voting machine had jamming issues at Scottish Rite, however a second machine was functioning well and state BOE technicians responded promptly.

There were no actions of the Board taken that required a discussion or vote at City Hall.

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Mr. McDonough asked for a motion to certify the emergency mail ballot applications.

MOTION: By Ms. Moronta and seconded by Mr. Piscopiello to certify all emergency mail ballot applications received by the deadline for the April 2, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-20-10.
PASSED ROLL CALL VOTE – 3-0 – Ms. Moronta, Mr. Piscopiello, and Mr. McDonough voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT (VOTES MAY BE TAKEN)

MOTION: By Ms. Moronta and seconded by Mr. Piscopiello to adjourn.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – VOICE VOTE

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas J. Lima
Registrar / Director of Elections
Cranston Board of Canvassers

APPROVED by the Cranston Board of Canvassers: May 14, 2024