

## BOARD OF CANVASSERS AND REGISTRATION

August 9, 2019

A meeting of the Narragansett Board of Canvassers and Registration was held on August 9, 2019, at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, RI.

Present: Gerald Reynolds – Chair  
Marc S. Stuart – Vice Chair  
Richard J. Bourbonnais – Member  
Kathleen Craig – Clerk  
Theresa C. Donovan, CMC – Town Clerk

Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The purpose of the meeting was to review and certify the signatures on a petition filed pursuant to the Voter Initiative submitted by Winters B. Hames III to add a recall provision to the Narragansett Home Rule Charter. The Voter Initiative was declared to be accepted by the Town Council on March 18, 2019. In accordance with Section 1-4-2 of the Town Charter, the petition and collected signatures were submitted to the Town Clerk by the deadline of July 16, 2019, and she delivered said petition to the Board of Canvassers Clerk.

Clerk Craig reported the following:

Number of signatures required:	856
Total signatures submitted:	1,344
Signatures determined to be valid:	1,220
Signatures determined to be invalid:	124

She said 124 signatures were disqualified for the following reasons:

- Duplicate signature
- Not a Narragansett registered voter
- Signature completely illegible
- Filed past the deadline of July 16, 2019

This meeting being within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the petition and signatures, the Board found that the petition contained the signatures of 1,220 qualified electors of the Town of Narragansett, that said signatures were correctly entered, that the signatures were verified against the Narragansett registered voter list, and that each page of the petition bearing signatures contained the required affidavit as executed by the circulator thereof.

Motion by Member Bourbonnais, seconded by Member Stuart to accept and certify the Voter Initiative Petition of Winters B. Hames III to amend the Town Charter to create a recall provision. So unanimously voted.

Nancy DiNuccio thanked Clerk Craig and staff of the Town Clerk's office for their courtesy, efficiency and assistance throughout the signature gathering process.

Town Clerk Donovan explained the next steps in the process. The certified petition will be submitted to the Town Council. Whether the Council approves the legislation, rejects it, fails to act upon it, or enacts legislation in a materially different form, the legislation as originally proposed shall be submitted to the voters on referendum ballot at the next regularly scheduled general election (November 2020).

There being no further business before the Board, motion by Member Bourbonnais, seconded by Member Stuart to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 AM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Kathleen Craig

Board of Canvassers Clerk