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**Rhode Island Democratic Party State Committee Meeting 2017**

**Minutes**

**Welcome**

Moment of silence for Frank J. Montanaro

**Chair McNamara makes the following appointments/asks:**

Appointment of **Michael Egan Esq.** as Parliamentarian

Appointment of **Justin Skenyon, Brendan Oates & Bob Ricci** as Sergeant-at-Arms

Asks **Lisa Tomasso** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

**Greetings by Electeds:**

Congressman Sheldon Whitehouse

Congressman Jim Langevin

Gov. Raimondo

Video from Congressman David Cicilline

**Call of Roll**

**Corvese:** Counted **127** Attendees from the Call of Roll

## **Motion to Nominate new Democratic National Committeeman**

**Former Mayor Joseph Paolino's nomination/letter has been submitted**, and former **Providence City Councilman Tom Glavin** delivers the motion to nominate Mr. Paolino

**Tom Glavin:** *Joe Paolino is a long time Democrat; he has served his neighbors and community as councilman, colleagues as council president; he's served the state for several years and his resume is as full as one could get.*

**Mayor Lombardi** and **Mayor Grebian** (Second the Motion [Nomination])

**Edna O'Neill Mattson** seconds it (after Mayors)

**McNamara:** *Are there any other nominations? Any further nominations please step forward*

*Hearing none, as there are no other, at this time, I am going to make a motion that instructs our Secretary Corvese to cast one ballot for Joe Paolino.*

**Mayor Polisena:** seconds the ballot and the national committeewoman also seconds it.

**Corvese:** Casts **One ballot** for Joseph Paolino for national committeeman

**McNamara:** (Calls for **Voice Vote**) (All aye's and No Abstains)

*At this time it is my pleasure to introduce the new Democratic National Committeeman Joseph Paolino*

**DNC Committeeman Paolino** gives a brief speech

## **Appointment to Standing Committee**

**Campaign Activities:** Co-chairs Bob Johnson & Christa Thompson; Michael Beauregard; Leo Skenyon; Bob Ricci; Ani Haroian; Pam Lauria; Kevin Garcia; Jake Bissaillon; Stephen Iannazzi.

**Diversity:** Co-Chairs: Mayor James Diosa & Chanda Womack; Rep. Grace Diaz; Ama Amponsah; Rep. Carlos Tobon; Sen. Ana Quezada; Andy Andujar; Rep. Anastasia Williams; Kate Monteiro; June Speakman.

**Education/Training:** Co-Chairs: Michael Burk & Rep. Pat Serpa; Anastasia Custer; Lew Pryor; Linda Finn; Patrick Ward; Anthony Roberson; Jhomphy Ventura Luna; Heather Bristol.

**Finance:** Co-Chair: Liz Perik & Amb. Jos. Paolino; Sen. Bill Conley; Jeff Padwa; Marcia Reback; Mike Sepe; Amy Gabarra; Lawrence Mancini; Susann Della Rosa; Eugene Kelly; Clay Pell.

**Long-Range Planning:** Chairman Joseph McNamara; Rep. Grace Diaz; Joseph DeLorenzo; Lisa Tomasso; Rep. Arthur Corvese; Allene Maynard; Milton Bronstein; Jeff Padwa; Marcia Reback.

**Platform Committee:** Co-Chairs: Arthur Corvese & Kristen Dart; Hilary Levy Friedman; Sen. Cindy Coyne; Lauren Niedel; Robert Farrell; Charon Rose; Anthony DeRose; Rep. Marvin Abney; Stephen Mulcahey; Councilwoman Sandra Cano.

**Public Relations:** Co-Chairs: Leonard Lopes & Nancy Benoit; Larry Berman; Greg Pare; Anthony Sinapi; Ann Gooding; Leonard Katzman; Jackie Parra; Richard Delfino.

**Technology:** Co-Chairs: Tom Kane & Kate Monteiro; Lissette Gomes; Bea Lanzi; Wendy Bucci; Daniel Espinosa; Margaux Morisseau; Michael Harris; Sulina Mohanty; Karen Alzate.

**McNamara:** *We have more in common that is dividing us; it is critical that we work together to be victorious in the state and at the national level...*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Motion on Officer Elections**

**Bud Cicilline:** Talks about the **resolution**, which is the essentially a proposal made by the Executive Director of the RIDP, Kevin Olasanoye which will defer the Officer Elections of the State Committee up until the first quarter of 2019

*The resolution is meant to be about unity, we may have different views, but the endgame is to win elections, and we should not be distracted in these specific committee elections*

Motion has been moved by **Bud Cicilline**

**Michael Beauregard:** Seconds the Motion

**Edna O'Neill Mattson:** Seconds after Beauregard

(All aye's & No abstains)

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting:** Meeting adjourned

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