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### NARRAGANSETT TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

**DATE:** March 3, 2025

**FROM:** Sarah Masson, Town Clerk

**DEPARTMENT:** Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:**

A MOTION TO APPOINT one (1) Democrat Alternate Member and one (1) Republican Alternate member to the Board of Canvassers for a two-year term set to expire on March 1, 2027.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

The Board of Canvassers is composed of three (3) full members each serving six (6) year terms, along with two (2) alternate members serving two (2) year terms. The two alternate member seats are available for appointment for terms set to expire on March 1, 2027.

In accordance with RIGL 17-8-1, the Town Council President nominates members of the canvassing authority from lists of party-affiliated voters, as submitted by the chairpersons of the town committees. With regard to the alternate members, RIGL 17-8-1 states the Council may appoint two, not more than one of whom shall belong to the same political party.

The Narragansett Republican Committee Chair has submitted the following five (5) candidates for the Republican Alternate member seat:

- Catherine Ellen Canavan
- John Fair
- Joanne Forti
- David Matrullo
- Carol Stenmark

The Narragansett Democratic Committee Chair has submitted the following five (5) candidates for the Democrat member seat:

- Kathleen A. Craig
- Melissa C. Crawford
- Jennifer A.T. Gibson
- Melissa Jenkins
- Alicia Vignali Henry

Dual office may be permitted if all applications on file are given appropriate consideration before a person is appointed to a second board or committee and the appointment will not violate the town charter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[RI General Law 17-8-1](#)

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