



# TOWN OF TRURO

BOARD OF REGISTRARS  
Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2023 – 4:00 pm  
BOARD OF REGISTRARS MEETING



**Members Present (Quorum):** Elisabeth Verde (Chair); Elisabeth Sturdy (Vice Chair), Heather Harper (Clerk)

**Members Absent:** Julie Cataldo (Member)

**Other Participants:** Lauren Goldberg (Town Counsel and Managing Attorney at KP Law); Raphael Richter (Complainant and Truro Voter); Attorney Andrew Bettinelli (Counsel to Specific Respondents); Joseph Kinnealey (Respondent); Joseph Anarella (Respondent); Meredith Dickinson (Respondent); William Dunn (Respondent); Kathy Dunn (Respondent)

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm, Tuesday, November 7, 2023, by Chair Verde who opened the meeting via the Zoom videoconference platform, at the Community Center, and further announced that the hearings would take place from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm over the next consecutive days. These hearings were scheduled following Mr. Raphael Richter's written complaints regarding the Truro voting registry status of 66 individuals.

Chair Verde read aloud the process for these hearings as well as housekeeping rules for those in attendance. Chair Verde noted that there would be no public comment this evening and this meeting was not being livestreamed. Chair Verde stated that all documentation (also referred to as "exhibits") were provided to the complainant, the respondent, Town Counsel, and each member of the Board of Registrars). Any other exhibits introduced this evening by either the complainant or the respondent would be added to that specific hearing file.

## **Scheduling of Hearings:**

Chair Verde stated that unless otherwise requested by a respondent, the hearings would be heard in order of the summons number and continue through Thursday of this week. More information is posted on the Town website.

## **Public Disclosure:**

Prior to the commencement of the public hearings, Chair Verde made a public disclosure that she was not related to Mr. Richter as there were rumors in Truro that suggested otherwise. Chair Verde said that her parents (surname of Richter) were from Sweden and that she had not used the Richter name in 22 years.

### Update on Challenge Voter Hearing Process:

Town Counsel Goldberg provided legal opinions on the following highlighted topics from yesterday's hearings: the Board of Registrars' summons regarding Schedule A are indeed enforceable; Lay v. City of Lowell regarding excise tax documentation for consideration; and the standard if a respondent does not appear at a hearing may result in a negative inference but it cannot be the only consideration to remove a respondent from the voter rolls.

Town Counsel Goldberg suggested that moving forward that Attorney Bettinelli and Attorney Brewer's objections to Schedule A of the summons be noted in the record for all of the respondents whom they represent and Mr. Richter's response that none of the respondents represented by Attorney Bettinelli or Attorney Brewer provided the documents requested within the summons.

Attorney Bettinelli stated that moving forward that his and Attorney Brewer's objections regarding Schedule A will apply in all of the proceedings and will not bring up that objection in each individual hearing.

### Hearings:

**Rose Bayani** – Chair Verde announced Ms. Bayani's name and invited Ms. Bayani to come forward. There was no reply.

Chair Verde stated that the summons which were delivered to the respondent in this matter were posted on the Town website.

Chair Verde invited Mr. Richter to present his evidence and Chair Verde noted that Mr. Richter was still under the oath he swore to yesterday.

Mr. Richter presented his evidence and Town Counsel Goldberg reminded Members to review any submitted documents and any new information. Town Counsel Goldberg also noted as Ms. Bayani was not present and should the Board of Registrars vote to strike Ms. Bayani from the Truro Registry of Voters this evening, Ms. Bayani may appeal to reopen the hearing before the next Town Meeting for good cause.

Chair Verde and the Members reviewed the evidence and then, under advice of Town Counsel Goldberg, determined what evidence were facts before considering a motion.

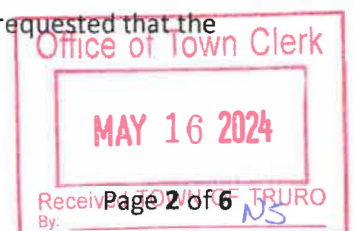
**Chair Verde made a motion that the objector had provided sufficient evidence to strike Rose Bayani from the Truro Registry of Voters.**

**Vice Chair Sturdy seconded the motion.**

**By a vote of all in favor, 3-0-0, motion carries.**

**Peter Weiss** – Chair Verde announced that the respondent was no longer registered to vote in Truro so there would be no hearing.

**Tobin Gerhart** – Chair Verde announced that the respondent had contacted her and requested that the hearing be scheduled on November 9, 2023. There were no objections.



**Edward Kinsella** – Chair Verde announced the respondent's name and Mr. Richter requested that the complaint be withdrawn. There were no objections.

**James Armstrong** – Chair Verde announced the respondent's name and Mr. Richter requested that the complaint be withdrawn. There were no objections.

**David Hammerman** – Chair Verde announced that Mr. Hammerman had contacted her and that he could not be present. Attorney Bettinelli came forward and said that he represented Mr. Hammerman and Ms. Sylvia Hammerman. The Members unanimously agreed to hear both matters on November 9, 2023.

**Theodore Kurland** – Chair Verde announced that Mr. Kurland had requested that his hearing be heard on November 9, 2023 and there were no objections.

**Joseph Kinnealey** – Chair Verde announced Mr. Kinnealey's name and the respondent came forward accompanied by Attorney Bettinelli.

Chair Verde swore in Mr. Kinnealey.

Mr. Richter presented his evidence and Mr. Kinnealey submitted documentation for the Board's consideration.

Chair Verde reviewed Mr. Kinnealey's voting history.

Chair Verde and the Members reviewed the evidence and determined what evidence were facts before considering a motion.

**Chair Verde made a motion that there was not sufficient evidence provided by the objector that Joseph Kinnealey be struck from the Truro Registry of Voters and that the complaint be dismissed.**

**Vice Chair Sturdy seconded the motion.**

**By vote of all in favor, 3-0-0, the motion carries.**

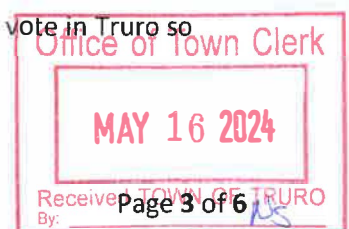
**Joshua A. Boyce** – Chair Verde announced that the respondent was no longer registered to vote in Truro so there would be no hearing.

**Deborah R. Boyce** - Chair Verde announced that the respondent was no longer registered to vote in Truro so there would be no hearing.

**Joshua A. Boyce** – Chair Verde announced that this was a repeat matter due to a clerical issue and that the respondent was no longer registered to vote in Truro so there would be no hearing.

**Michael Oliverio** – Chair Verde announced the respondent's name and there was no reply nor representative present. Chair Verde and the Members agreed to reschedule the respondent's hearing for November 8, 2023.

**Jo Carino** – Chair Verde announced that the respondent was no longer registered to vote in Truro so there would be no hearing.



**Christopher Borden** - Chair Verde announced that the respondent was no longer registered to vote in Truro so there would be no hearing.

**Kimberly Swain** – Chair Verde announced that the respondent was no longer registered to vote in Truro so there would be no hearing.

**Christian Drez** – Chair Verde announced that Mr. Richter withdrew the complaint so there would be no hearing.

**Kathleen Henry** - Chair Verde announced that Mr. Richter withdrew the complaint so there would be no hearing.

**Joseph Anarella** – Chair Verde announced the respondent's name and Mr. Anarella came forward accompanied by Attorney Bettinelli.

Chair Verde swore in Mr. Anarella.

Mr. Anarella submitted documentation for the Board's consideration. Upon Mr. Richter's review of the newly presented documentation, Mr. Richter withdrew the complaint and there were no objections.

**Amy Ford** – Chair Verde announced that the complaint was withdrawn and there would be no hearing.

**Lawrence Pisapio** – Chair Verde announced that the respondent's hearing was held last night out of order.

**Meredith Dickinson** – Chair Verde announced Ms. Dickinson's name and the respondent came forward accompanied by Attorney Bettinelli.

Chair Verde swore in Ms. Dickinson.

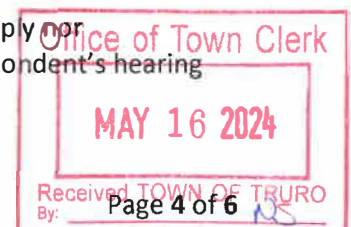
Mr. Richter presented his evidence and Ms. Dickinson made an opening statement. Mr. Richter asked additional questions to which the respondent answered. Attorney Bettinelli objected to the questions of whether Ms. Dickinson was a member of the Truro Part-Time Residents Taxpayer's Association and if Ms. Dickinson received the Truro Part-Time Residents Taxpayer's Association newsletter.

Chair Verde reviewed Ms. Dickinson's voting history.

Chair Verde and the Members reviewed the evidence and determined what evidence were facts before considering a motion.

**Chair Verde made a motion that there was not sufficient evidence provided by the objector that Meredith Dickinson be struck from the Truro Registry of Voters and that the complaint be dismissed. Vice Chair Sturdy seconded the motion. By vote of all in favor, 3-0-0, the motion carries.**

**Jessica Barton** – Chair Verde announced the respondent's name and there was no reply nor representative present. Chair Verde and the Members agreed to reschedule the respondent's hearing for November 8, 2023.



**Jeffrey Weilburg** – Chair Verde announced the respondent's name and Attorney Bettinelli came forward and requested that the hearing be rescheduled for November 9, 2023. There were no objections. Upon Attorney Bettinelli's request, Chair Verde also announced that Barbara Weilburg's hearing would also take place on November 9, 2023. There were no objections.

**Marjorie Posner** - Chair Verde announced that the respondent was no longer registered to vote in Truro so there would be no hearing.

**Jesselyn Tobin** - Chair Verde announced that the respondent was no longer registered to vote in Truro so there would be no hearing.

**Paula Grandberg** - Chair Verde announced that the respondent was no longer registered to vote in Truro so there would be no hearing.

**Mariann McDonagh** - Chair Verde announced that the complaint was withdrawn so there would be no hearing.

**Linda Denault** - Chair Verde announced that the respondent was no longer registered to vote in Truro so there would be no hearing.

**Kenneth Horgan** - Chair Verde announced the respondent's name and there was no reply nor representative present. Chair Verde and the Members agreed to reschedule the respondent's hearing for November 8, 2023.

**William Dunn** – Chair Verde announced the respondent's name and noted that the respondent had requested that the hearing be held this evening as well as the hearing for Kathy Dunn. Mr. Dunn and Ms. Dunn came forward accompanied by Attorney Bettinelli. Mr. Dunn's matter was heard first.

Chair Verde swore in Mr. Dunn and Ms. Dunn.

Mr. Richter presented his evidence and Mr. Dunn read an opening statement prepared by Ms. Dunn. Mr. Richter asked additional questions to which Mr. Dunn answered. Attorney Bettinelli objected to the question of whether Mr. Dunn was a member of the Truro Part-Time Residents Taxpayer's Association.

Chair Verde reviewed Mr. Dunn's voting history.

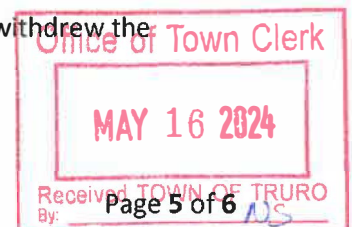
Chair Verde and the Members reviewed the evidence and determined what evidence were facts before considering a motion.

**Chair Verde made a motion that there was not sufficient evidence provided by the objector that William Dunn be struck from the Truro Registry of Voters and that the complaint be dismissed.**

**Clerk Harper seconded the motion.**

**By vote of all in favor, 3-0-0, the motion carries.**

**Kathy Dunn** – After the Board's decision was made regarding Mr. Dunn, Mr. Richter withdrew the complaint against Ms. Dunn so there was no hearing.



Chair Verde made a motion to adjourn at 5:32 pm.

Vice Chair Sturdy seconded the motion.

After the motion was seconded, Attorney Bettinelli stated that Tom Engellenner was present and Chair Verde replied that the Board was not prepared to hear his matter this evening.

Voted all in favor, 3-0-0, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

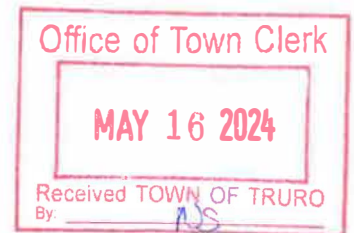


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Board/Committee/Commission Support Staff

**Attachment:**

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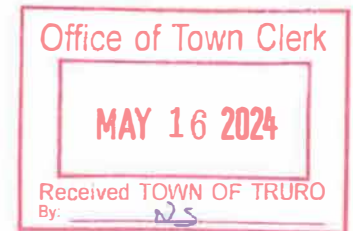
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## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE- Revised

All revisions are in red ink

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COMMITTEE:

Board of Registrars



DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

TIME OF MEETING: 4:00 pm

LOCATION OF MEETING:

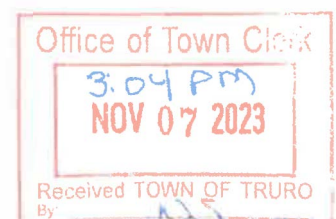
Truro Community Center, 7 Standish Way, North Truro, MA 02652

AGENDA TOPIC:

1. Introduction and Disclosure- Elisabeth Verde, Town Clerk
2. Challenged Voter Hearing Process Update- Attorney Lauren Goldberg, KP Law
3. Public hearings to answer to the matters set forth in the 66 complaints filed by Raphael Richter related to voter residency in the Town of Truro. Copies of the complaints are posted on the Town web site. The objections will be reviewed in the order that they were received by the Town. It is not possible to know how long each hearing will take, so to keep the public informed about the process, the Town will post the progress of the hearings on the Town web site ([www.truro-ma.gov](http://www.truro-ma.gov)).

The following is a list of the complaints filed by Raphael Richter with status updates:

1. Polly Guggenheim- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
2. Rose Bayani- Will be heard on 11/7/23
3. Steven Pinker- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
4. Susan Rocca- Case Heard
5. Rosemary Boyle- Case Heard
6. Peter Weiss- No longer registered to vote in Truro as of 11/9/23
7. Tobin Gerhart- Will be heard on 11/7/23





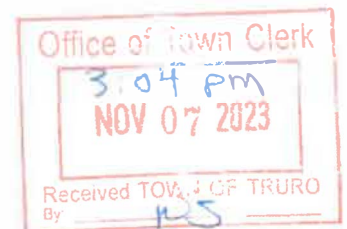
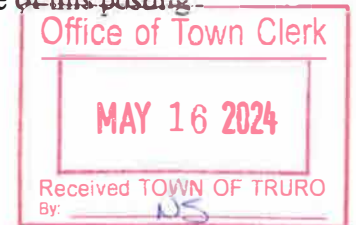


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8. Lawrence Cetrulo- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
9. Joan Boratis- Case Heard
10. Diedra Dietter- Case Heard
11. Edward Kinsella- Will be heard on 11/7/23
12. Roberta Kinsella- Case Heard
13. Karen Kinsella- Case Heard
14. Gail Pisapio- Case Heard
15. Gonzalo Castro- Case Heard
16. Katherine Burroughs- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
17. James Armstrong- Will be heard on 11/7/23
18. David Hammerman- Will be heard on 11/7/23
19. Sylvia Hammerman- Will be heard on 11/7/23
20. Theodore Kurland- Will be heard on 11/9/23 per their request
21. Barry Donahue- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
22. Joseph Kinnealey
23. Joshua A. Boyce- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
24. Deborah R. Joyce- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
25. Joshua A. Boyce- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
26. Michael Oliverio
27. Jo Carino- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
28. Christopher Borden- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
29. Kimberly Swain- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
30. Christian Draz- Complaint Withdrawn
31. Kathleen Henry- Complaint withdrawn
32. Joseph Anarella
33. Amy Ford- Complaint withdrawn
34. Lawrence Pisapio- Case Heard
35. Meredith Dickinson
36. Jessica Barton
37. Jeffrey Weilburg
38. Marjorie Posner- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
39. Jesselyn Tobin- No Longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
40. Paula Grandberg- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
41. Mariann McDonagh- Complaint withdrawn
42. Linda Denault- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting







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43. Kenneth Horgan
44. Barbara Weilburg
45. Stephanie Oneill
46. Barry Klegman
47. Dyanne Klein
48. Sumner Slavin- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
49. Thomas Engellenner
50. Michael Deambrose
51. Christine Deambrose
52. Stephen Zinner- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
53. Ann Grossman
54. Mark Rosen
55. William Dunn- Will be heard on 11/7/23 per their request
56. Kathy Dunn- Will be heard on 11/7/23 per their request
57. Paul Griffin
58. Anthony Valdez
59. Brian Tetreault
60. Nadine Tetreault
61. Breta Boots
62. Kingsley Weihe- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
63. Terry Rothchild- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
64. Joseph Rothchild
65. William Laplant- No longer registered to vote in Truro at the time of this posting
66. Sherman Teichman

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