

This is an email chain with multiple items, but in the middle one Jacob states had I asked sooner I could have gotten the tapes. By sooner, he means if I had contacted the SOS within 30 days of the election the video would have been available but it no longer is as they record over the video's after 30 days. The "rules" state:

C. Each Drop Box and immediate surrounding area shall be monitored by a video surveillance camera. Unless otherwise permitted by the Board, the surveillance camera shall be in operation twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week at all times that the Drop Box is in use during an election. Recorded footage must be stored for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

We obviously have serious issues in Rhode Island,

Monica

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From: **mmmartin956**<mmmartin956@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, May 31, 2022 at 12:55 PM

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] : RE: APRA request response

To: Gansert, Jacob (BOE) <Jacob.Gansert@elections.ri.gov>

Hi Jacob,

Thank you again for a speedy response, appreciated.

So, no signed document for chain of custody for the 10,000+ blank ballots in the Town of Coventry at the end of election night 11/3/2020.

You actually introduced my next questions/APRA. Please see below.

Sincerely,

Monica Martin

Under Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act R.I. Gen. Laws §§38-2-1, I am requesting the following information via email of documents to MMMartin956@gmail.com.

The name of the external delivery company (insinuated in email response) the State Board of Elections contracted with to handle pick up of supplies and the return of those supplies "to the office where our staff opens and sorts all the remaining supplies".

It was stated in response "There is no delivery ticket or return form that is signed by the company or our office workers when the bins return."

Please include all email/text/contracts with this supply company that discusses expectation of process of handling of all election materials and cost of this service.

Please advise also if this service is the same for every town in Rhode Island, did each town clerk have a voice in the choosing of the company and the process that would be employed into the

implementation of their duty with regard to controlling the process and procedures of the election as is their responsibility.

If there is an expense for search or copying of requested records please inform me if the cost is above \$100.00. I would also like to request, however, a waiver of all fees as disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the election process, funding and policies and procedures of our community approach to our privilege and rights within this Republic of the United States. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

If search is to require time past the required response time of 10 days please advise me of this and detail of date information can be expected or my ability to inspect requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

On Tue, May 31, 2022 at 9:51 AM Gansert, Jacob (BOE) <Jacob.Gansert@elections.ri.gov> wrote:

Good morning Monica,

The certificates do not have a specific field for unused ballots. To determine how many unused ballots are remaining we subtract the ballots cast and void ballot fields from the total number of ballots sent as seen on the top field of the form to determine how many ballots should be remaining in the bin. These forms are completed by the clerk and signed by other poll workers who are instructed to check the clerk's work. If there are discrepancies on this form from the official count of cast ballots on election night we then will inspect the election supply box and lpads used to check in voters.

As for the chain of custody, the supply boxes with the ballots are locked at the end of the night with tamper seals the same way they are delivered to the poll. The delivery company we contract with then picks up the supplies and returns them to the office where our staff opens and sorts all the remaining supplies. There is no delivery ticket or return form that is signed by the company or our office workers when the bins return.

Thank you,

From: mmmartin956 <mmmartin956@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 10:10 PM
To: Gansert, Jacob (BOE) <Jacob.Gansert@elections.ri.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : RE: APRA request response

Hello Jacob,

Thank you for your response to my APRA, and apparently, all the hands that worked toward answering my questions. The response to #1 however does not answer my request. My request was not referring to used ballots. It was specific to the chain of custody of the over 10,000 unused ballots that were remaining across 19 precincts in Coventry at the close of the election 11/3/20. This figure was deduced from the Election Certificates you are referring to in your response, however that form does not specifically state the number of unused ballots nor does it give any detail of the chain of custody for them. There should be a record of what happened to those unused ballots.

I look forward to further detail on this point.

Thank you for your time in advance.

Monica Martin

From: Gansert, Jacob (BOE) <Jacob.Gansert@elections.ri.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 12:14 PM
To: Lori Anderson <landerson@coventryri.org>; Nunez, Miguel (BOE) <Miguel.J.Nunez@elections.ri.gov>; Rapoza, Robert (BOE) <Robert.Rapoza@elections.ri.gov>; Rob Rock (<rrock@sos.ri.gov>) <rrock@sos.ri.gov>
Cc: 'druee@aol.com' <druee@aol.com>; Taylor, Steven (BOE) <Steven.Taylor@elections.ri.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] : APRA Request from Monica Martin

Good afternoon,

1. The elections certificate is the only formal documentation we have the clerk in the polling place complete auditing the ballots used for the day. If there are discrepancies between the number of ballots cast in the DS200 we may review the election certificate and the remaining ballots in the blue bin.
2. The rules and regulations for the drop boxes do not require you to note when you look at the camera I have attached a link to the rule and reg on the SOS's website below. There would be no charge for the video because it is unavailable had they requested it at an earlier date we could have provided it per the rules and regulations below. <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/410-20-00-25>
[\[linkprotect.cudasvc.com\]](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com)
3. The returned as undeliverable request would have to be directed to the SOS who sent out the letters. They would track that because the undeliverables get marked as inactive and, as you know those people would have to complete an affirmation at the polls if they came out to vote in person.

Miguel or Rob will correct me if there are any discrepancies here.

Thank you,

Jacob Gansert, *E-Poll Books, and Training*
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From: Lori Anderson <landerson@coventryri.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 11:41 AM
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