

MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008  
AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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P R E S E N T:           James Sampel, President  
                              Frederic M. Umane, Secretary

Commissioners Como, Dent, Graham, O'Connor, Polanco, Schacher,  
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Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director  
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel  
Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel  
John Ward, Finance Officer  
Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney  
Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Charles Webb III, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:    Aaron Belisle, CIDNY  
              Andrea Senteno, Citizen Union  
              Alyssa Usui, Coordinator, Voters Assistance Commission  
              Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club  
              Israel Rodriguez, NYC Council  
              Marjorie Gersten, Community Church of New York  
              Jerry Koenig  
              Mark Herman

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President Sampel called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

President Sampel moved to table the minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> meetings. Secretary Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that:

- 1) The Board has signed the agreement with Burson-Marsteller to provide public information/education services for the new voting systems.
- 2) The Board continues discussions with the Office of Management and Budget regarding the Gartner Task Order. A copy of OMB's email reply is included in the agenda.
- 3) John O'Grady attended the start of the State Board's acceptance testing of 50 ES&S AutoMark Devices for use by the NYC Board of Elections.
- 4) The upgrade for the Executive Office phone bank has begun. Selected phone bank staff is being trained on the new system at the Staten Island Office.
- 5) The NYC Voters Assistance Commission's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 1:00 P.M.

here at the Board.

In response to a question, the General Counsel reported that the State Board mandated in every contract for new voting systems, that the State will designate the site for acceptance testing. After completion of acceptance testing by the State, it is the responsibility of the vendor to deliver their products to the delivery site specified in the purchase order.

The General Counsel distributed to the Commissioners the Draft of the Calendar and Designating Petition/OTB Petition Rules for the September 2008 Primary Election. He asked that the Commissioners review the materials. They will be submitted for approval at the next Commissioner's meeting.

By memorandum, the General Counsel asked the Commissioners for authorization to solicit temporary legal employment agencies to secure the service of two temporary attorneys who will work at the Board of Elections during the 2008 Primary and General Elections.

Secretary Umane moved to authorize the General Counsel to begin the contracting process as outlined in his memorandum for Fiscal Year 2009. President Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The General Counsel asked the Commissioners to confirm their participation in the Information and Education Session in Albany by completing the form that was distributed. He reported that specific activities/meetings are in the process of being confirmed.

Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Comparative Expenditure Report dated March 25, 2008.

Commissioner Schacher moved to grant a 30-day sick leave extension to Mary Lee John, a Clerk in the Brooklyn Office. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner O'Connor moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. President Sampel seconded the motion, which was agreed to unanimously.

President Sampel reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

President Sampel moved to adjourn. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The next Commissioner's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.