

MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009  
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:           President Frederic Umane  
                              Secretary Julie Dent

Commissioners Araujo, Polanco, Sampel, Schacher, Silie, Sipp, Soumas,  
Stupp

Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director  
John Owens, Jr., Director, Campaign Finance Enforcement  
John Ward, Finance Officer  
Dorothy Delayo, Director, Personnel  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Charles S. Webb, III, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:   Rima McCoy, CIDNY  
          Andrea Senteno, Citizen's Union  
          Teresa Hommel, Community Church of New York  
          Stewart Armstrong, Voter Assistance Commission  
          Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club  
          Adrienne Kivelson, League of Women Voters  
          Jerome Koenig  
          Thomas K. Small

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President Umane called the meeting to order at 1:41 P.M.

President Umane was advised that a member of the public would like  
to discuss voter accessibility issues before Executive Session.

Commissioner Sipp requested to discuss personnel matters in public session.

Secretary Dent made a motion to adopt the draft minutes of May 19, 2009, May 26, 2009, June 2, 2009 and June 9, 2009. Commissioner Silie seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that some of the Board's senior staff is attending the Election Commissioners Association Conference in Geneva, NY this week.

The Executive Director presented the HAVA update. He reported that the Deputy Executive Director and Administrative Manager took copies of the City Board letter addressed to the State Board requesting to use the approved updated software and firmware in the upcoming elections. They will explain the request in detail to the State Board staff at the ECA Conference.

The Executive Director reported that he e-mailed the Commissioners a draft copy of the equipment and staffing allocation proposal last night. The new voting system project team compiled the document and they will

present it and answer any questions at next week's Commissioners' meeting.

The Executive Director reported that he received a call today from the City Clerk's Office indicating that they would be sending a fax to the Board but that it had not yet arrived when the meeting began. Apparently, the City Clerk's Office anticipates receiving a petition for a voter initiative to create a 9/11 commission panel, which the City Clerk's Office would have to verify. The Board staff has helped them verify signatures in the past. Mr. Cederqvist explained that it may incur a cost and Board staff may have to work overtime. He reported that he explained to the City Clerk's Office that the request should be in writing and then faxed to the Board for the Commissioners' consideration.

The Finance Officer provided the Commissioners with the Vacancy Report dated June 23, 2009.

The Executive Director reported that there is a Washington Post news article regarding new voting systems in the agenda packet. A former Board Commissioner, Terrence C. O'Connor, mailed the news article to Mr. Cederqvist.

Commissioner Sipp made a motion to authorize 210 hours of sick leave for Lloyd Bacchus, Voting Machine Technician, in the Staten Island Voting Machine Facility. Commissioner Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Polanco made a motion to authorize 210 hours of sick leave for Jerri Carmicino, Administrative Assistant, in the Executive Office. Commissioner Silie seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Umane opened the floor for brief comments from Thomas K. Small, a member of the public, who discussed some concerns regarding the “Sip & Puff” device on the Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs).

President Umane acknowledged that Commissioner Soumas joined the meeting.

President Umane moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, the open public session resumed

and President Umane reported that in Executive Session, the Commissioners took the following personnel actions:

- I. In a vote with two (2) abstentions (Sipp and Dent), Troy Johnson, Chief Clerk of the Manhattan Office, was appointed to succeed Joseph LaRocca as the Coordinator of the Candidate Records Unit, at Mr. LaRocca's current salary rate. Greg Lehman was appointed to succeed Troy Johnson, as the Chief Clerk of the Manhattan Office, at Mr. Johnson's exit salary rate.

President Umane adjourned the meeting.

The next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 1:30 P.M.