

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Michael Michel
 Secretary Bianka Perez

Commissioners Jose Araujo, John Flateau, Michael Rendino, Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun, Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Kate Doran, LWV NYC
 Katharine Loving, NYC CFB
 Rachel Fauss, Citizens Union
 Cathy Gray
 Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

President Michel called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the October 6, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Commissioners Umame and Shamoun joined the meeting.

Mr. Ryan reported that there are personnel and litigation matters to be discussed in Executive Session.

For informational purposes, Mr. Ryan reported that New York State Assembly Bill Number A5926, an act to amend Section 5-210 of the New York State Election Law in relation to filing papers, has been passed. Copies of the memorandum were distributed to the Commissioners.

Mr. Ryan reported that on August 7, 2015 he received a letter from the State Board requesting for the City Board's report concerning voter wait times in advance of the 2016 election cycle. A copy of the State Board's letter is in the agenda. Mr. Ryan reported that he sent a detailed six (6) page response to the State Board explaining how Executive Management and staff look into Election Day Operations issues on an ongoing basis. A copy of the letter is in the agenda. In addition, Mr. Ryan reiterated some

concerns regarding the State Board's certification process. He urged the State Board to take action on two (2) certification matters: to utilize batch header sheets for the DS-850 scanners which would allow for a more efficient processing of the absentee and affidavit ballots, and to certify version 1.3 to operate the DS-200 scanners which will aid in the City Board's processing of election results for the 2016 General Election and beyond. A copy of the letter is in the agenda.

Commissioner Flateau requested for a synopsis of Election Center's recommendations which frames the Board's work moving forward. Mr. Ryan reported that he will email Election Center's reports to the Commissioners before the next Commissioners' Meeting.

Commissioner Flateau inquired about sources of poll worker recruitment for the 2016 election cycle. Mr. Ryan reported that matter will be added to the next Commissioners' Agenda.

Mr. Ryan acknowledged the passing of former Queens Republican Council Member Thomas Ognibene and his contribution for the citizens of New York City. Condolences were given for the Ognibene family.

President Michel moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of personnel and litigation. Commissioner Rendino seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the public meeting resumed and President Michel reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Umane moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 1:30 P.M.