

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019 AT 1:00 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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PRESENT: President John Wm. Zaccone

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Miguelina Camilo, Michael Michel

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director

Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager

Steven H. Richman, General Counsel

Rayvon Weaver, Project Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit

Matthew Graves, Project Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit

Amanda Berinato, Chief Clerk, Queens Office

Bart Haggerty, Deputy Chief Clerk, Queens Office

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President Zaccone called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

President Zaccone reported that at a Special Public Meeting of the Commissioners of Elections held last week on Friday, July 26, 2019, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-212(5) of the New York State Election Law, the Commissioners adopted a rule creating a four (4) member Commissioners Committee to serve as the Board of Canvassers for the purposes of certifying the manual canvass of votes cast in the

June 25, 2019 Democratic Party Primary Election for District Attorney of Queens County.

Pursuant to that authorization and the provisions of Title 2 of Article 9 of the New York State Election Law, President Zaccone called the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York to order for the purposes of certifying the manual canvass of votes cast in the June 25, 2019 Democratic Party Primary Election for District Attorney of Queens County.

To serve as the other Republican Member of the Canvassing Board, President Zaccone designated Commissioner Michel for Queens County. In the absence of Secretary Taylor, Commissioner Araujo, the senior Democratic Commissioner present, designated Commissioner Camilo to serve as the other Democratic Member of the Canvassing Board.

President Zaccone reported that the recanvass of votes cast in the June 25, 2019 Democratic Primary Election for District Attorney of Queens County found that sixteen (16) votes separated the two candidates with the highest vote totals. In accordance with the Board's Policies and Procedures, that margin fell within the Board's standards to conduct a full

manual canvass of all the valid paper ballots cast in that Primary Election. Beginning with the recanvass on Wednesday, July 1, 2019, the Board's Queens Staff conducted the full recanvass of all votes cast in Queens County on Primary Day as well as the statutorily mandated 3% audit of both poll site and central count scanners. The preparatory work for the manual canvass began on July 10, 2019 and the actual manual canvass of votes cast in the Primary Election began on Monday, July 15, 2019. That process continued six (6) days a week until its conclusion. The Board's Queens Staff, supported by Executive Office personnel, have worked to ensure that every vote was counted accurately and correctly.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of Queens and their staff have prepared and signed the Statement and Return for the Manual Canvass for the Democratic Party Primary for District Attorney of Queens County held on June 25, 2019. The Board conducted a full manual canvass for that contest. Ms. Berinato and Mr. Haggerty presented the Statement and Return of Canvass for the Manual Canvass of the votes cast in the June 25, 2019 Democratic Primary for District Attorney in Queens County for the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Ms. Berinato and Mr. Haggerty confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, all provisions of the New York State Election Law and

the Board's adopted Policies and Procedures were complied with, and there were no discrepancies for this contest.

Based on that report, Commissioner Araujo moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Statement and Return of the Manual Canvass for the Democratic Party Primary Election for District Attorney conducted in Queens County on June 25, 2019. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.