## APPROVED # 1035

## MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008 AT 1:30 P.M. 42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR HEARING ROOM NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT:	James Sampel, President
	Frederic Umane, Secretary

Commissioners Como, Dent, Graham, O'Connor, Polanco, Schacher, Soumas, Yennella

Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director Steven H. Richman, General Counsel Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit Lucille Grimaldi, Director, EVS Michael Kinara, Consultant, Gartner Gladys Fernandez, Technical Liaison, EVS Yi Yu, Senior Computer Programmer, EVS Ed Fraga, Consultant, Gartner John Naudus, EVS Marianne Effinger, EDO Troy Johnson, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Borough Office Rosanna Rahmouni, Coordinator, EDO Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Clara Baillon, Voter Soji Adu, Bronx Independent Living Adele Bender, JPAC Andrea Senteno, Citizen Union Neal Rosenstein, NYPIRG Teresa Hummel, Community Church of NY Marjorie Gersten Barry Herron, VP Global Strategic Sales, Premier Howard Cramer, VP Sales, Sequoia Voting Systems President Sampel called the meeting to order at 1:51 P.M.

President Sampel welcomed everyone to the special meeting of the Commissioners to select a Ballot Marking Device for use in 2008.

President Sampel announced that the Commissioners unanimously agreed to make a selection of a ballot marking device by majority vote. That ballot marking device will be submitted to OGS for use in the 2008 Primary and General Elections. The Commissioners will select from one of the following:

- 1) Premier's AutoMark,
- 2) ES&S AutoMark, or
- 3) Sequoia's ImageCast

Commissioner Umane stated that the NYC Board is legally required to consider Avante in the selection process.

The General Counsel advised that under the temporary restraining order signed on Wednesday, County Boards of Elections shall be notified that they can consider the Avante EVC 308-FF BMD.

In a roll call vote:

- Six Commissioners selected ES&S (President Sampel, Commissioners Como, Dent, Graham, O'Connor, and Soumas); and
- Four Commissioners selected Sequoia (Secretary Umane, Commissioners Polanco, Schacher, and Yennella).

Commissioner Soumas moved to confirm ES&S's AutoMark as the ballot marking device to be used in the 2008 elections. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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

The President announced that the Commissioners next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.