

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

P R E S E N T: Anthony Como, President
 James Sampel, Secretary

Commissioners Graham, O'Connor, Soumas, Umane, Yennella

John Ravitz, Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
John Ward, Finance Officer
John O'Grady, Chief Voting Machine Technician
Gladys Fernandez, EVS
Philip Mione, Computer Data Analyst, EVS
Mona Huang, Sr. Computer Programmer, EVS
John Naudus, Sr. Computer Programmer, EVS
Yi Yu, Sr. Computer Programmer, EVS
Beth Fossella, Coordinator, Voter Registration
Steve Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Guests: Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Jerry Koenig

President Como called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

President Como convened the Independent Nominating Hearings
for the March 27, 2007 Special Election for Member of Assembly, 62

Assembly District, Richmond County. The General Counsel advised that there are no Specifications of Objections filed and no one has requested to appear before the Board with respect to the 62nd Assembly District.

Commissioner O'Connor asked for an update on the motion to refer to the Corporation Counsel, the Comptroller's Office and the Campaign Finance Board a request to seek reimbursement of the costs to run the April 24, 2007 Special Election from the winner of the February 20, 2007 Special Election for Member of the New York City Council in the 40th Council District, Borough of Brooklyn. Board staff advised that the referrals had not been sent since only one work day passed between Board meetings.

President Como moved to table the minutes of February 27, 2007, March 8, 2007, and March 15, 2007 until the next meeting. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that:

- 1) The State Board of Elections did not meet on March 13, 2007 due to a lack of a quorum. The issues with the CIBER lab

remain pending. A notice to seek additional testing laboratories that have been certified by the EAC to meet the 2005 guidelines is to be published in the State's Contract Reporter.

- 2) The Board has begun meeting with the Department of Education, the New York City Housing Authority, and other City Agencies regarding the electrical capacity of poll sites in their facilities.

Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Vacancy Report dated March 20, 2007.

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

Commissioner Soumas reported that the following action was taken in Executive Session.

Based upon the action taken by the Campaign Finance Board, the Commissioners agreed to rescind their previous motion to seek reimbursement for the April 24, 2007 Special Election from

the winner. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor (President Como, Secretary Sampel, Commissioners Graham, Soumas, Umane, Yennella) and 1 abstention (Commissioner O'Connor)

President Como recognized Joel G. Toney for brief comments regarding the format of the ballot used in the February 20, 2007 Special Election in the 40th Council District.

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

President Como announced that the next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. for hearings relating to the Special Election for Member of the New York City Council in the 40th Council District, Borough of Brooklyn.