

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007
AT 2:30 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, Schacher, Soumas, Umane,
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John Ravitz, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel
John Ward, Finance Officer
Steve Ferguson, Director, MIS
Pablo Martinez, MIS
Elliot Borack, ACCO
John Naudus, Sr. Computer Programmer
Mona Huang, Sr. Computer Programmer
Philip Mione, Computer Data Analyst
Gladys Fernandez, Technical Liaison
Marilyn Reyes, Technical Writer
Beth Fossella, Coordinator, Voter Registration
Antonia Figueroa, EDO's Poll Site Accessibility Unit
Steve Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Guests: Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Andrea Senteno, Citizens Union
 Waymen Carey
 Mark Herman
 Jerry Koenig
 Teresa Hummel

President Como called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

President Como moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following Executive Session, the Public Meeting resumed.

Commissioner Graham moved to adopt the minutes of May 15, 2007 and May 22, 2007 as distributed. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como moved to table the minutes of the May 29, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director gave an overview of the Special Election held on June 5, 2007 for Member of Assembly in the 65th Assembly District and thanked all Manhattan and Executive Office staff. He reported that 6,196 votes were cast; there were 214 Absentee Ballots as

of yesterday and advised that the certification process has begun and should be completed in the next few days.

The Executive Director reported that the City Board continues discussions with OGS, the Attorney General's Office, other County Boards of Elections, and the State Board of Elections to resolve issues relating to the proposed State contracts for new voting systems. Since the State Board's Annual Conference in Syracuse the working group has held a series of telephone conferences dealing with the modifications to the current draft of the contract. He thanked Lucille Grimaldi and her staff as well as Gartner and the Board's General Counsel for leading the charge in these efforts.

The Executive Director reported that Senior Management visited the Staten Island Office this morning and would continue Borough Office visits as follows:

- June 13, 2007 at 10:00 A.M., the Queens Office
- June 14, 2007 at 10:00 A.M., the Bronx Office; and
- June 15, 2007 at 10:00 A.M., the Manhattan Office.

In response to a question, Steve Ferguson reported that the City Board expects that the Statewide Voter Registration List would be operational by late July. In addition the General Counsel advised that the State Board has selected S.O.E. Software, as the Statewide Voter Education vendor and expects that a finalized contract would be in place by the middle/end of July. The contract would allow local BOE's to contract for additional services using the State contract.

The General Counsel was advised by Manhattan Deputy Chief Clerk Timothy Gay that as of July 1, 2007, the Manhattan zip code of 10021 is being split into three zip codes: 10021, 10065 and 10075 which will impact almost all of the 65th and 73rd Assembly Districts. He reported that this change presents several issues for the Board to consider with respect to the petitioning process and asked the Commissioners to adopt the following statement as a result of this impending action.

STATEMENT

The Commissioners of Election in the City of New York have been made aware that the United States Postal Service will be changing Zip Codes within the Borough of Manhattan, effective July 1, 2007, dividing

Zip Code 10021 into three Zip Codes: 10021, 10065; & 10075.

In response to inquiries from the public regarding this change and the 2007 Designating Petition Process, the Commissioners adopt the following statement of policy regarding this issue and the 2007 Designating Petition Process:

“Board of Elections in the City of New York determines that for the purposes of the 2007 Designating Petition Process, the Board will consider and deem valid as part of an address located in Manhattan, the Zip Code in effect on June 12, 2007, the first day to circulate designating petitions and will deem any challenge that the address appearing on a petition is not valid as a result of the July 1, 2007 modification of Zip Codes in Manhattan to be a frivolous objection.”

Commissioner Umame moved to adopt the General Counsel’s recommendation as the Commissioners’ statement. President Como seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The MIS Director reported that staff would make the changes to the affected voter’s registration records as follows:

- a) Zip Codes for addresses located between East 61st Street

and East 68th Street will change to Zip Code 10065

- b) Zip Codes for addresses located between East 69th Street and East 76th Street will remain in Zip Code 10021; and
- c) Zip Codes for addresses located between East 77th Street and East 80th Street will change to Zip Code 10075

The Board will not send Change of Address notices.

Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Vacancy Report dated June 12, 2007 and the Comparative Expenditure Report dated June 5, 2007.

The President reported that in the Executive Session the Commissioners took the following personnel actions:

- 1) The Board unanimously adopted the Commissioners' Committee Report placing Mary Madden, a Clerk in the Brooklyn Office on probation for six months and requiring her to participate in the Employee Assistance Program;
- 2) The Board unanimously adopted the Commissioners' Committee Report placing Antwuane Carey, a Sr. VMT in the Brooklyn VMF on six months probation. In addition, he will

have no grace period with respect to lateness during this probationary period.

- 3) Unanimously approved 30-day sick leave advancement for Valerie Marshall, an Administrative Assistant in the Voter Registration Unit, effective as of June 7, 2007.

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

President Como announced that the next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.