

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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

Commissioners Dent, Graham, Soumas, Schacher, Umane, Yennella

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
Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Thomas Sattie, Ballot Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Michael Carmicino, Candidate Records Unit
Bob Pataky, Candidate Records Unit
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Public Relations and Communications
Troy Johnson, Chief Clerk, Manhattan
Timothy Gay, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan
Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney
William Markle, Law Student Intern
Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

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

President Como asked that a moment of silence be observed in

memory of New York Yankee legend Phil (Scooter) Rizzuto who passed away on August 13, 2007. The moment of silence was observed.

Hearings on Specifications of Objections to Petitions for the September 18, 2007 Primary were conducted.

President Como moved to table the meeting minutes of August 2, 2007 and August 7, 2007 until the next meeting. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that the staff of the City Board held a conference call with the Office of General Services and the State Board of Elections regarding the proposed State contracts for new voting systems. He advised that Board staff continues to urge that our recommended revisions to the State contract be incorporated by the State Board.

The Executive Director reported that working group meetings are on-going including groups dealing with public education and training programs, poll site accessibility issues as well as Ballot Marking Devices

operations for the September 18, 2007 Primary.

The Executive Director provided the Commissioners with a copy of a letter sent to the Commissioners of the State Board of Elections relating to the operation of the Statewide Voter Registration List and New York City's current inability to comply with the duly enacted statutory and regulatory requirements.

John O'Grady, Chief Voting Machine Technician recommended that in accordance with the Election Law, the respective Borough Commissioners authorize their boroughs to combine Election Districts with under 100 enrolled voters conducting primaries with an adjacent election district, provided that the total number of enrolled voters having primaries not exceed 500, for the September 18, 2007 Primary Election.

Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Comparative Expenditure Report dated August 14, 2007.

The Executive Director reported that the Office of Emergency Management requested a BOE ramp to assist victims in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn whose homes were damaged in last week's tornado.

The Executive Director also reported that the Hearing Room's sound system is being sent out for repair. He hopes that it will be returned in time for the Commissioners' next meeting.

President Como presented a Committee report on a disciplinary hearing:

John Imperiali, an Administrative Assistant in the EDO Department is to be terminated, effective at the close of business on August 14, 2007.

Commissioner Soumas moved to adopt the Committee's report. The Committee report was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Graham moved to grant a 30-day sick leave extension to Anna Torres, the Deputy Chief Clerk in the Bronx Office. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The President moved to adjourn. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.