

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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

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

John Ravitz, Executive Director

George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director

Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager

Steven H. Richman, General Counsel

Valerie Vazquez, Director, Public Relations and Communications

John Ward, Finance Officer

Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel

John Naudus, Senior Systems Analyst, EVS

Philip Mione, Computer Data Analyst, EVS

Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney

Charles Webb, Counsel to the Commissioners

Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Marylou Urban, League of Women Voters
 Jerry Koenig
 Teresa Hummel

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

President Como acknowledged the new Bronx Republican Commissioner J.C. Polanco and once again welcomed him on behalf of all the Commissioners.

Commissioner Soumas congratulated the Greek Men's Basketball Team for winning the European Championship.

President Como moved to table the minutes of the August 30, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that:

- A) The NYC Board is scheduled to meet with the State Board of Elections and other County Boards of Elections in Albany on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 to discuss the 2008 compliance plan;
- B) Training sessions and dress rehearsals were conducted this past Saturday in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens borough offices to prepare for using BMDs in the Primary Election;

- C) A BMD training session was conducted for Adjunct Trainers;
- D) A public demonstration will be held at the Brooklyn Borough Hall (Community Room) on September 11, 2007 at 5:00 P.M.;
- E) Steve Ferguson has requested permission to hire Donald Cokley as a Senior Computer Programmer.

Commissioner Schacher asked that a copy of Mr. Cokley's resume be given to the Commissioners for review.

The General Counsel asked the Commissioners to approve the Draft Calendar and Draft Designating Petition Rules for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary, which was distributed at their last meeting.

President Como moved to adopt Draft Designating Petition Rules for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary as submitted. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como moved to adopt the draft Calendar for the

February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary as submitted. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Comparative Expenditure Report dated September 10, 2007, the Vacancy Report dated September 4, 2007 and the FY'07 ending OTPS Report dated September 10, 2007.

The Coordinator of Election Day Operations Rosanna Rahmouni provided the Commissioners with a copy of each Borough's additional Poll Workers Report for the September 18, 2007 Primary Election for approval.

Commissioner Umame inquired into why the Brooklyn sought so many additional positions.

Commissioner O'Connor moved to adopt the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens additional Poll Worker Reports for the September 18, 2007 Primary Election as submitted. President Como seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Graham moved to authorize a 30-day sick leave advance to Gwen Outlaw. President Como seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como asked all to observe a moment of silence in memory of the victims of September 11, 2001. A moment of silence was observed.

Commissioner O'Connor moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como reported that in the Executive Session, the Commissioners, pursuant to §3-300 of the New York State Election Law, took the following personnel actions:

- Commissioner Graham moved to appoint Sherman Browne, as the Acting Deputy Chief Clerk (managerial position) in the Bronx Office at the annual salary of \$85,100, effective September 17, 2007 through and including the return from maternity leave of Anna

Torres scheduled for January 1, 2008. Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously;

- Commissioner Schacher moved to appoint Donald Cokley, as Senior Computer Programmer in the MIS Unit, effective September 11, 2007 at the salary of \$61,997. Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion, which was adopted by a vote of 7 in favor (Commissioners Dent, Graham, O'Connor, Polanco, Schacher, Umane, Yennella) 1 abstention (Commissioner Soumas).

President Como moved to adjourn. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como announced that the next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.