

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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, 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
Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Elliot Borack, ACCO
John O'Grady, Chief Voting Machine Technician
Troy Johnson, Chief Clerk, Manhattan
Timothy Gay, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan
Barbara Conacchio, Chief Clerk, Queens
Katherine James, Deputy Chief Clerk, Queens
Philip Mione, Computer Data Analyst, EVS
Mona Huang, Sr. Computer Programmer
Gladys Fernandez, Technical Writer
Beth Fossella, Coordinator, Voter Registration
Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney
Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Mary Lou Urban, League of Women Voters
 Margie Gersten, League of Women Voters
 Teresa Hummel

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

President Como moved to table the minutes of the September 25, 2007 and October 2, 2007 meetings. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como expressed thanks to the Executive Director for his dedicated service to the Board of Elections and the City of New York and wished him well in future endeavors on behalf of himself and all the Commissioners.

The Executive Director reported that:

- A) The Commissioners have been provided copies of the State Board's submission of two (2) HAVA Compliance Plans to the Department of Justice and Judge Sharpe in response to the Federal Court's August 29, 2007 order.
- B) Ballot Marking Devices will be used in the November General Election; the Director of Communication's Valerie Vasquez

has been working with Matt Sapolin, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to record a new public service announcement (PSA).

The Executive Director thanked the Commissioners for the honor of being a part of this organization. He stated that it has been a privilege to work with the Board staff during the past 4-1/2 years and appreciated all the hard work and dedication that all Board employees put into this detailed and complex work with limited credit. He stated that his one regret is that he would not be here to see HAVA through its final implementation.

The Chief Voting Machine Technician asked the Commissioners for approval to use select Phone Bank staff members to set-up the Ballot Marking Devices for the General Election under his supervision.

After discussion, Commissioner O'Connor moved to authorize the use of selected Phone Bank staff to set up the Ballot Marking Devices for the November 6, 2007 General Election. Commissioner Yennella seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit provided the Commissioners with a copy of an email from Anna Svizzero of the State Board of Elections asking the Board staff to assist them in collecting information regarding Judicial Candidates for this year's election.

Commissioner O'Connor moved that the State Board should be directed to the Board's website for any information they may need. Commissioner Soumas seconded motion, which was adopted by a vote of 9 in favor (President Como, Secretary Sampel, Commissioners Dent, Graham, O'Connor, Polanco, Soumas, Umane, Yennella) with 1 abstention (Commissioner Schacher).

In response to a request from Commissioner Soumas, Joseph LaRocca asked if the Commissioners wanted to receive copies of all requests for information made to the Board. After discussion, it was a general consensus that the Board staff shall continue to observe the duly adopted procedures of the Board.

Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the

Comparative Expenditure Report dated October 9, 2007.

The President opened the floor for comments/questions from Mark Herman.

President Como moved to convene a meeting of the Board of Canvassers to certify the results of the September 18th Primary Election. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the results of the Primary Elections for party positions held on September 18, 2007 for Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Soumas moved to authorize Board staff to use the respective Commissioners' signature stamps on the certifications of the results for the September 18th Primary Elections in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Queens. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Canvassers. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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

The President reported that in the Executive Session the Commissioners unanimously approved the following actions:

- 1) All Commissioners serve as members of each of the Standing Committees established at the September 25, 2007 Board meeting;
- 2) The Commissioners set forth in the minutes of the September 25, 2007 Board meeting are the Chairs of the designated Standing Committees.

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

President Como announced that the next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.