

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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

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
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
 Aaron Belisle, CIDNY
 Mary Lou Urban, League of Women Voters
 Andrea Senteno, Citizen Union
 Margie Gersten

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

President Como moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2007 and October 9, 2007 meetings. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como moved to table the minutes of the October 16, 2007 meeting. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director reported that Commissioners Schacher and O'Connor and the General Counsel attended the NYS Election Commissioners Association's Executive and Legislative Committees meeting in Saratoga and asked them to give an overview of that meeting.

Commissioner O'Connor reported that

- A) Co-Executive Director Peter Kosinski stated that selection of the independent testing authority should be completed by December of this year. The Democrats and Republican Commissioners of the State Board have each proposed a separate HAVA compliance plan.

B) County Boards of Elections will possibly meet with U.S. District Court Judge Sharpe, the U.S. Department of Justice, the N.Y.S. Attorney General's Office and the State Board to review compliance measures.

The Deputy Executive Director asked the Commissioners to authorize the Board to close on the Friday after Thanksgiving in lieu of Election Day. Commissioner Schacher moved to authorize the Board to close on November 23, 2007. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Election Day Operations' Coordinator asked the Commissioners to approve with respect to the September Primary the training payment for AD monitors who participated in the required training class, were assigned to work, but did not have a Primary in their district. Commissioner O'Connor moved to authorize the Board to pay those AD monitors \$150. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mrs. Rahmouni asked the Commissioners to approve the Poll

Worker Exception Report for Manhattan. Commissioner Soumas moved to approve the Exception Report as submitted. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Comparative Expenditure Report dated October 23, 2007 as well as the OTPS 1st Quarter Budget Review for FY'08.

The General Counsel reported that there is no statutory provision with respect to the number of voters per lever voting machine.

Commissioner Umane asked whether the City Board should adopt a policy setting the number of lever machines per election district. The Administrative Manager explained that Borough Managers have received permission from their Borough's Commissioners on the total number of machines to be used for this year's General Election. After discussion, Commissioner Umane moved to direct that in the City of New York no double lever voting machines will be used for the November 6, 2007 General Election only. Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner O'Connor moved for a recess for a Party Caucus and then reconvene in Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters. President Como seconded the motion, which was agreed to unanimously. A party caucus was convened as requested.

Following an Executive Session, the Commissioners unanimously approved the following action:

- 1) A 30-day sick leave extension for Mariam Colden, a Clerk in the Manhattan Borough Office.

President Como 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 30, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.