

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, EVS 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, Schacher, Soumas,
Umane, Yennella

George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
John Ward, Finance Officer
Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel
Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Beth Fossella, Voter Registration
Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney
Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Charles Webb, Counsel to the Commissioners

President Como called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

President Como moved that to table the minutes November 13th,
20th and 27th meetings. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which
was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez gave the Commissioners an update on HAVA and
informed them that on Friday, December 7, 2007 the NYS Election

Commissioners' Association has scheduled a meeting in Syracuse to discuss the Department of Justice's motion. The Deputy Executive Director provided each Commissioner with a Statement of Authorization to sign so that the Administrative Manager and General Counsel who are attending the meeting can cast their votes.

Mr. Gonzalez informed the Commissioners that Mr. Ferguson continues to work on putting together an accurate report of the amount spent by the City Board to implement the Statewide Voter Registration List.

Mr. O'Grady informed the Commissioners that at the last Chiefs Meeting it was brought to his attention by the Chiefs and Technicians that some Poll Workers continue to place the key into the voting machine prior to the closing of the polls. Mr. O'Grady requested the Commissioners approval to order tags that would be placed on the keys and a stamp on the envelope stating "Close of Polls Only". Commissioner O'Connor stated that he read the Senior Technicians minutes and thought that it was a good idea. Commissioner O'Connor moved that the tags and stamps be purchased. Commissioner Mottola-Schacher seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mrs. Grimaldi informed the Commissioners that in the 2006 and 2007 General Elections the following number of Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) was used at Super Poll Sites:

- Manhattan – 5
- Brooklyn – 5
- Queens – 5
- Bronx – 4
- Staten Island – 3

Mrs. Grimaldi asked the Commissioners to approve the same quantity of BMDs to be used in the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election. Commissioner Soumas moved that the quantity of BMDs used in the 2006 and 2007 General Elections shall be used in the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary. President Como seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

A discussion ensued regarding the use of the Selis Manor rather than the Manhattan Borough Office as the Super Poll Site. Mrs. Grimaldi stated that prior to the Borough Offices being designated as the Super Poll Sites, a number of factors were considered such as the availability of the Citywide Voter Registration List at each site, the use of the Smart

Cards, etc. Commissioner Soumas asked that the staff examine the feasibility of relocating the Manhattan super poll site to Selis Manor.

Mr. Ward reviewed the Comparative Expenditure Report with the Commissioners.

Mr. Donahue gave the Commissioners an update regarding his proposal to go to Iraq or Afghanistan to assist with absentee voting. Mr. Donahue stated that the NY Times met with him on Saturday to take pictures of him on his Harley.

The General Counsel informed the Commissioners that the Cover Sheet Review Team met this morning and there were no cover sheet defects uncovered. Mr. Richman reported that there were Prima Facie defects and a hearing will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2007. Mr. Richman asked that President Como and Secretary Sampel be available this week in case any cover sheet defects are identified. Mr. Richman stated that the last day to file petitions is midnight, December 6, 2007.

President Como moved to convene an Executive Session. Commissioner Mottola-Schacher seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como reconvened the public meeting following the Executive Session.

President Como moved the following total allocation of temporary employees for each Borough Office, effective Wednesday, December 5, 2007

- 1) Manhattan – 20 Democratic and 20 Republican temps
- 2) Brooklyn – 20 Democratic and 20 Republican temps
- 3) Bronx – 20 Democratic and 20 Republican temps
- 4) Queens – 20 Democratic and 20 Republican temps
- 5) Staten Island – 22 Democratic and 22 Republican temps

Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Soumas moved to grant Miriam Colden and Lollie Singleton, both Clerks in the Manhattan Office 30-day sick leave extensions. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como designated Secretary Sampel, Commissioners Soumas, Commissioner Polanco and himself as the Committee on the Annual Report. Secretary Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como moved to adjourn. Commissioner Mottola-Schacher seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Como announced that the next meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.