

MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008  
AT 2:00 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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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  
Valerie Vasquez, Director, Communications  
Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit  
Thomas Sattie, Ballot Coordinator  
Elliot Borack, ACCO  
Lucille Grimaldi, Director, EVS  
Mona Huang, Sr. Computer Programmer, EVS  
Gladys Fernandez, Technical Writer, EVS  
Beth Fossella, Coordinator, Voter Registration  
Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney  
Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:    Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club  
            Alyssa Usui, Coordinator, Voters Assistance Commission  
            Andrea Senteno, Citizen Union  
            Teresa Hummel

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President Como called the meeting to order at 2:10 P.M.

President Como announced that the Commissioners must elect one of their number as president and one as secretary pursuant to Election Law §3-212 (1). Commissioner O'Connor moved to elect Commissioner Sampel as President for 2008. Commissioner Yennella seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. Commissioner Schacher moved to elect Commissioner Umame as Secretary for 2008. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. The newly elected President and Secretary for calendar year 2008 assumed their positions.

Commissioner Schacher moved to table the minutes of the December 11, 2007 and December 18, 2007 meetings. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Schacher moved to grant Florence Kotlowitz, a Clerk in the Brooklyn Office, a 30-day sick leave extension, retroactive to December 28, 2007. Secretary Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director reported that:

- A) The State Board of Elections has been ordered by the United States District Court Judge Sharp to comply with its prior order and submit a plan by January 4, 2008 to place a Ballot Marking Device in every poll site for the September 2008 Primary Election.
- B) Senior Management and Board staff including Secretary Sampel, Commissioner Umane, Commissioner Schacher and the Board's General Counsel met with representatives of DCAS and OMB today to discuss the need for adequate facilities to receive, maintain and store new voting systems.

The General Counsel reported that although the Board outlined the anticipated order of Judge Sharpe, DCAS indicated that they are constrained by current budgetary limitations and regulatory procedures (including ULURP) while OMB representatives cited New York City's anticipated \$2 billion deficit.

The Coordinator of the Candidate Records Unit provided the Commissioners with a draft copy of the Notice to Candidates for the February 5, 2008 President Primary Election for approval. The General

Counsel advised that the audio ballot portion should be included in this letter. After discussion, the Commissioners tabled consideration of the notice until their next meeting and directed that the notice be modified as suggested by the General Counsel.

Secretary Umame moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Sampel reported that the following actions were taken in Executive Session pursuant to §3-300 of the New York State Election Law:

- 1) Giselle Mengler, an Administrative Assistant in the Queens Office, is promoted to Administrative Associate, effective immediately.
- 2) Lisa Kenner is appointed to the position of Administrative Assistant in the Election Day Operations' Voter Education and Outreach Unit, effective immediately.
- 3) Brian Galvin, a Senior Voting Machine Technician in

the Staten Island Office is appointed as Administrative Associate in the Voting Machine Technicians' Training Unit, effective immediately.

Commissioner Dent moved to adjourn. Secretary Umane seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Sampel announced that the next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.