

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

P R E S E N T: James Sampel, President
 Frederic Umane, Secretary

Commissioners Como, Dent, Graham, O'Connor, Polanco, Schacher,
Soumas

Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director of Communications
Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel
Steve Ferguson, Director, MIS
Beth Fossella, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney
Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Aaron Belisle, CIDNY
 Andrea Senteno, Citizen Union
 Jerry Koenig
 Mark Herman

President Sampel called the meeting to order at 1:41 P.M.

President Sampel moved to table the minutes of the February 26th and March 4, 2008 meetings. Secretary Umane seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Como asked that each Commissioner contribute to send get well flowers and/or a gift basket to Commissioner Yennella. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was agreed to unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that:

- 1) ES&S' Management team is scheduled to meet with the NYC Board staff on Wednesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. in its Executive Office to develop a plan for BMD Implementation.
- 2) The BMD supplies and services order has been finalized and was submitted to OGS on Friday, March 7, 2008.
- 3) Senior Management would be conducting Borough Office visits on the following dates at 10:00 A.M.:
 - Manhattan Office April 7, 2008
 - Brooklyn Office April 8, 2008

- Queens Office April 9, 2008
 - Bronx Office April 10, 2008
 - Staten Island Office April 11, 2008
- 4) A draft copy of the Board's Fiscal Year '09 Preliminary Budget testimony has been emailed to the Commissioners for review.
 - 5) He received a response to his February 26, 2008 letter regarding OMB Deputy Director Steve Levine's February 13, 2008 letter. In that letter, OMB commits to partially fund the proposed Task Order for 2008 only.
 - 6) He received emails from the Citizens Union, NYPIRG, and a Russian speaking group (from NYC Council Member Simcha Felder) requesting meetings with the Board to discuss a number of issues.

Commissioner O'Connor stated that Board staff should convey the Commissioners' appreciation to those good government groups who staunchly supported the Board of Elections during the time that the Mayor was criticizing the Board over the results of the Presidential Primary.

The General Counsel suggested that the Board hold its annual

Information and Education Session in Albany for members of the New York State Legislature and their staff during the week of April 14, 2008 because proceedings relating to the State Budget should be concluded and it would also be the week before the Legislature's Holiday Recess.

Commissioner Polanco moved to authorize the General Counsel to make the necessary arrangements for the week of April 14, 2008 as the Board's annual Information and Education Session in Albany. President Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Director of MIS gave an overview of the March 4, 2008 meeting with the NYS Voter II Policy and Standard's Committee.

The Director of Communications asked the Commissioners to approve the amended draft statement regarding the preliminary nature of the election night tallies.

Commissioner Graham moved to approve the statement on the preliminary nature of the election night tallies as amended. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director provided the Commissioners with the Comparative Expenditure Report, dated March 11, 2008 for their review.

President Sampel moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Secretary Umame seconded the motion, which was agreed to unanimously.

President Sampel reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Polanco moved to adjourn. President Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The next Commissioner's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.