

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 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

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
John Ward, Finance Officer
Jack Courtney, Temporary Attorney
Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Aaron Belisle, CIDNY
 Andrea Senteno, Citizen Union
 Alyssa Usui, Coordinator, Voters Assistance Commission
 Mary Lou Urban, League of Women Voters
 Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Israel Rodriguez, NYC Council
 Mark Herman

President Sampel called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

President Sampel moved to adopt the minutes of the February 26th meeting. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Sampel moved to table the minutes of the March 4, 2008 and March 11, 2008 meetings. Commissioner Como seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that:

- 1) Board staff was advised by ES&S representatives that their AutoMark Devices will be delivered to the State Board of Elections for acceptance testing by July 1, 2008. All voting devices are required to undergo acceptance testing by the State Board of Elections. The Executive Director has asked that the State Board modify this process to have the State Board conduct its testing in New York City, thus expediting its own testing protocol.
- 2) John O'Grady has been invited to observe the State Board of Election's acceptance testing for the 50 Ballot Marking Devices to be used for education and training.

The Executive Director asked the Commissioners' to authorize Mr. O'Grady participation.

Commissioner Dent moved to authorize John O'Grady to observe the BMD acceptance testing in Albany tomorrow. President Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

- 3) Board staff met with the Mayor's Election Task Force along with representatives from both DCAS and OMB regarding space issues and funding for the Gartner Task Order for 2008.
- 4) The Board testified before the Governmental Operations Committee on March 13, 2008 regarding the Mayor's Preliminary Fiscal Year 2009 Budget and the significant additional needs of the Board.

Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Vacancy Report dated March 18, 2008.

Commissioner O'Connor moved to appoint Do Sook "Elizabeth" Kim, an Administrative Assistant/translator to fill the vacancy of Hyeok Kim at a salary of 37,562, effective immediately. Commissioner Como seconded

the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Polanco moved to appoint John Owens as the Director of Campaign Finance Enforcement, effective June 9, 2008, at an annual salary of \$82,710. Commissioner Schacher seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Soumas moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner O'Connor 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 25, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.