

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 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 Dent, Graham, Polanco, Schacher, Soumas

Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Joseph LaRocca, Ballot Coordinator/Candidate Record Unit
John P. O'Grady, Chief Voting Machine Technician
Thomas Sattie, Ballot Coordinator/Candidate Record Unit
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Phil Donahue, Director, Personnel
John Ward, Finance Officer
Valerie Vazquez-Rivera, Director of Communications

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

President Sampel made a motion to table the minutes of May 6, 2008, May 13, 2008, May 20, 2008 and May 27, 2008. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Cederqvist gave the Commissioners an update on HAVA. Mr. Cederqvist stated that the EMS workstream has been working with the BMD vendor, ES&S, to address several issues with the election

management system (EMS) software. The workstream reported a breakthrough last week when they were able to, for the first time, import data from the BOE S-Elect system into the BMD's EMS.

Mr. Cederqvist informed the Commissioners that a VAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2008 @ 1:00 pm.

Mr. Richman asked that the Commissioners to reaffirm and approve the additional sentence added to the Oath of Office for Poll Workers. Commissioner Soumas stated that asking the Poll Workers to take an oath is absurd and ridiculous. The Revised Oath of Office for Poll Workers was not adopted by a vote of 5 in favor (President Sampel, Commissioners Dent, Graham, Polanco, Schacher) and 1 opposed (Commissioner Soumas).

Mr. O'Grady asked that the Commissioners for authorization to use the March 1, 2008 Enrollment Numbers to set double machines for Election Districts with 800 or more voters. Commissioner Soumas made a motion not to use the March 1, 2008 Enrollment figures but to abide by the law. Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. O'Grady reported to the Commissioners that he is currently doing BMD Acceptance Testing Training for the permanent Technicians at the

Voting Machine Facilities. Mr. O'Grady stated that President Sampel recommended that the temporary technicians that work in the Voting Machine Facility also be given BMD Acceptance Testing Training. Mr. O'Grady stated that it cost approximately \$3,600 per class and ES&S will be conducting the training. Mr. O'Grady stated that the temporary technicians must work at the Voting Machine Facility for at least 3 months and will be working during the election season. Commissioner Graham made a motion to approve the training of the temporary VMF technicians. Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Polanco moved to give Jerry Carmicino a 30-day extension retroactive from May 27, 2008. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the Comparative Expenditures item in Mr. Ward's absence.

President Sampel moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Bronx and General Office matters. Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

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

President Sampel reminded the Commissioners of the following:

- Tuesday, June 10, 2008 – The regular Commissioners Meeting has been canceled in lieu of the Poll Worker Training Demonstration for Commissioners at 1:00 p.m. The demonstration is open to the public.
- Tuesday, June 17, 2008 – No Commissioners Meeting due to the NYS Election Commissioners Association's Summer Conference.

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

The next scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.