

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2008
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

P R E S E N T: President James Sampel

Commissioners Graham, Polanco, Schacher, Yennella

Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
John Ward, Finance Officer
John Owens Jr., Campaign Finance Enforcement
Joseph LaRocca, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Steven Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Charles Webb III, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Andrea Senteno, Citizens Union
 Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Mary Lou Urban, League of Women Voters
 Alyssa Usui, Voters Assistance Commission
 Teresa Hummel, Community Church of New York
 Mark Herman

President Sampel called the meeting to order at 1:34 P.M.

The President announced that due to the lack of a quorum today's meeting would be for information purposes only and no official action would

be taken except for:

- A) The designation of official Cover Sheet Review Committees by the ranking Democratic and Republican Members.
- B) An authorization to proceed with litigation on a pending lawsuit from the Committees designating by the President and the ranking Republican; and
- C) The adoption of the schedule on Hearings relating to Specifications of Objections to Designating Petitions as required under the Board rules.

The President reported that the Commissioners received copies of the Revised Draft minutes for June 3rd, June 10th, June 24th, and July 1st.

The Executive Director gave a total of Ballot Marking Devices that were received and have undergone testing.

- A) The Bronx received 282 BMDs; 225 have been acceptance tested.
- B) All 300 BMDs delivered to Queens have been acceptance tested.

C) Thursday, July 31, 2008: 10:30 A.M. - Kings County

He asked the Commissioners to hold Friday, August 1, 2008 open for a possible continuation of the hearings and also proposed that hearings on specifications relating to OTB petitions be held on Thursday August 7, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.

Commissioner Schacher designated Commissioner Polanco as the Republican Commissioner to serve as the Commissioners Committee to adopt the Calendar for Hearings on Specifications of Objections to Designating Petitions. President Sampel designated himself as the Democratic Commissioner, which was agreed to unanimously.

Commissioner Polanco moved to approve the schedule on hearings relating to Designating Petition Specifications as recommended. President Sampel seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The General Counsel provided the Commissioners with a copy of the Revised Draft of the letter to the State Board of Elections Commissioners and Co-Executive Directors outlining the City Board's inability to fully comply with the requirements of Judge Sharpe's Supplemental Remedial

Order as a result of insufficient funding provided by the City of New York for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009. He asked the Commissioners to review it and make a determination at their next meeting.

The General Counsel reported that the Governor has signed into law as Chapter 187 of the Laws of 2008, the Gelb Extender Bill [A. 10087], which extends the provisions of Chapter 92 of the Laws of 2001 for one additional year. He asked the Commissioners for a determination at the next meeting.

The General Counsel advised that NYC Department of City Planning advised that they will be able to complete the target analysis for the Chinese and Korean Language Assistant Voting Program.

The General Counsel asked the President to designate an additional cover sheet committee to review Designating Petitions. President Sampel designated himself and Commissioner Yennella for cover sheet review this afternoon. A Commissioners Committee would be designated, after consultation, for Thursday, July 24th and Monday, July 28th.

Commissioner Polanco advised that he would be appearing on Telemundo 47 tonight at 6:30 P.M. to speak on voter registration issues.

Commissioner Polanco reported that the Executive Director appears in today's column in the New York Sun defending the NYC Board of Elections with respect to its funding crisis.

Commissioner Polanco thanked the Legal Department's temporary staff for presenting information in an orderly and timely fashion.

The Finance Officer John Ward provided the Commissioners with the Vacancy Report dated July 22, 2008.

The President reported that there will be no Executive Session due to the lack of a quorum.

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

The next full Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2008

at 10:00 A.M. followed by Hearings on Specifications of Objections for the
September 9, 2008 Primary Election.