

HEARINGS RELATING TO DESIGNATING PETITION MATTERS
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 PRIMARY ELECTION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011
AT 1:00 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Juan Carlos "J.C." Polanco
 Secretary Gregory C. Soumas

Commissioners Araujo, Dent, Guastella, Schacher, Sipp, Stupp, Umane

Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Director, Campaign Finance Enforcement
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications and Public Affairs
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Michael Neglia, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit
Matthew Graves, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit
Ryan Deahn, Administrative Assistant, Candidate Records Unit
Rayvon Weaver, Administrative Assistant, Candidate Records Unit
Anthony Andriulli, Deputy Chief Clerk, Staten Island Office
Daniel Amitrano, Voting Machine Technician, Staten Island Office
Katherine James, Deputy Chief Clerk, Queens Office
Barbara Conacchio, Chief Clerk, Queens Office
Robert Pataky, Administrative Associate, Queens Office
Gregory Lehman, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office
Timothy Gay, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office
Richard Byrne, Summer Law Student Intern, OGC
Daniel Dugan, Summer Law Student Intern, OGC
Giacomo Kmet, Temporary Attorney, OGC
James Barron, Temporary Attorney, OGC
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Charles S. Webb, III, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: John Haggerty
 Adam Silvera
 Peter Gleason

A.B. Britton
Jeff Galloway
Vince Tabone, Esq.
Linda Belfer
D. L.
Maria Blume
Colin Liverpool
R. Hornais
S. Andrew
Youseline Obas
J. Johnson
G. Lucas
M. Farrin

President Polanco called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.
Mr. Richman noted that there was a quorum present.

President Polanco announced that the Commissioners would conduct the Hearings relating to Designating Petition Matters for the September 13, 2011 Primary Election.

President Polanco announced the procedures to be followed during the Hearings.

Mr. Richman called the Second Call of matters which were postponed from the August 2, 2011 Hearings.

Mr. Richman called the Hearings for Richmond County.

Mr. Richman called the Richmond County Clerk's Reports on Specification of Objections. There were no appearances. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerk's Report acted upon.

Mr. Richman called the Hearings for New York County.

Mr. Richman called the New York County Clerk's Reports on Specification of Objections. In selected instances, there were appearances by candidates or their representative which are noted on the Clerk's Reports on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerk's Report acted upon.

President Polanco recessed the Hearings because the Queens Office staff was tardy.

President Polanco reconvened the Hearings after the Queens Office staff arrived.

Mr. Richman called the Hearings for Queens County.

Commissioner Araujo reported that Ms. Conacchio believes that there is an error on the Clerk's Report on Specification of Objections (No. 28 - 1A & 1B) which was amended and adopted at yesterday's Hearings. Ms. Conacchio explained her findings to the Commissioners. After discussion, Commissioner Araujo moved for the Commissioners to reconsider the adopted amended Queens County Clerk's Report on Specification of Objections (No. 28-1A & 1B) which relates to the 28th Assembly District. Secretary Soumas seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, there were three (3) in favor (Araujo, Schacher, Soumas), one (1) opposed (Stupp), and five (5) abstaining (Dent, Guastella, Polanco, Sipp, Umane). The motion was not adopted. Commissioner Araujo thanked the Commissioners for considering his application.

Mr. Richman called the Queens County Clerk's Reports on Specification of Objections. In selected instances, there were appearances by candidates or their representative which are noted on the Clerk's Reports on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerk's and Counsel's Reports acted upon.

Commissioner Stupp thanked the Queens Office staff for their hard work during the long hours they worked on both the weekdays and weekends.

President Polanco recessed the Hearings until the Clerks were finished reviewing one (1) New York County Clerk's Report on Specification of Objections for Third Call.

President Polanco reconvened the Hearings after the review was complete.

President Polanco stated that pursuant to the provisions of Rule J-5, in a few moments a quorum of the full Board will not be present, therefore, pursuant to the powers vested in him, he hereby designates Commissioners Sipp, Schacher, Soumas and Guastella to be the Commissioners committee to make the determination on Manhattan Specification of Objections NY 8 & 9.

Mr. Richman announced the Third Call for the selected Manhattan County Clerk's Report on Specification of Objections. There were appearances by candidates or their representative which are noted on the

Clerk's Reports on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determination is reflected on the Clerk's Report acted upon.

Secretary Soumas thanked the staff of the Manhattan Borough Office, Executive Office, and the Office of the General Counsel for their hard work. In addition, he thanked the NYPD Officers who were assigned to monitor the Hearings.

Secretary Soumas moved to adjourn the Hearings on Challenges relating to Designating Petition Matters for the September 13, 2011 Primary Election. Commissioner Schacher seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.