

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011
AT 1:30 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, Stupp, Umane

Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
John Ward, Finance Officer
Dorothy Delayo, Director, Personnel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications and Public Affairs
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Ryan Deahn, Administrative Assistant, Candidate Records Unit
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

GUEST: Xiang Ji, Sinovision
 Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 A.B. Britton
 Alex Camarda, Citizens Union
 Rima McCoy, CIDNY
 John Smith
 S. A. Miller, for Council Member Gale A. Brewer

President Polanco called the meeting to order at 1:36 P.M.

President Polanco requested to discuss a Bronx personnel matter in Executive Session.

Commissioner Schacher requested to discuss a Brooklyn personnel matter in Executive Session.

Mr. Richman recalled that Mr. Johnson presented a CRU Prima Facie matter at last week's meeting and the Commissioners voted to hold a Hearing today. Mr. Richman indicated that Mr. Johnson notified the candidates.

Mr. Johnson called the CRU Prima Facie Report. There were no appearances. President Polanco moved to adopt the CRU Prima Facie Report. Commissioner Stupp seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Polanco announced that Commissioner Barrera gave birth to a baby girl last Tuesday. The baby weighed 8 lbs. and 14 ozs. On behalf of the Commissioners, President Polanco congratulated Commissioner Barrera. President Polanco reported that Commissioner Barrera informed him that she will be back at the Board in a couple of

weeks.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes of the August 2, 2011, August 3, 2011 and August 9, 2011 meetings. President Polanco seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Ms. Vazquez presented the Poll Worker recruitment update. She stated that the Board's efforts are continuing on a daily basis. The Outreach Team has been attending events citywide. The Team is hosting a Poll Worker recruitment event tonight at the Groundwork headquarters in Brooklyn and at a NYCHA community fair in the Melrose Community Center in the Bronx. Ms. Vazquez reported that she sent a press release to her media contacts announcing "Poll Worker Awareness Month" which was picked up by a Brooklyn local newspaper. She will email the article to the Commissioners today. Ms. Vazquez reported that she sent out an email blast to Elected Officials inviting them to the Board's Open House on August 25, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. in the Executive Office. Ms. Vazquez reported that she distributed user friendly Poll Worker recruitment tool kits to community organizations to help expand the Board's efforts. Commissioner Schacher asked Ms. Vazquez for Groundwork's address. Ms. Vazquez stated that she will get the address to her after the meeting.

Mr. Ward presented the Vacancy Report dated August 16, 2011. A copy of the report is in the agenda. President Polanco requested for Mr. Ward to provide a report concerning an update on the Board's finances before Fall.

President Polanco asked Ms. Delayo if there are any additional resumes as it relates to the position of Executive Director. Ms. Delayo replied no.

President Polanco moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Secretary Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and President Polanco reported on the following actions taken in Executive Session:

- I. The Bronx Office was authorized an additional twenty four (24) Temporary Clerks, equally divided between the two (2) Commissioners, effective immediately through the certification of the 2011 General Election.
- II. The Manhattan Office was authorized an additional four (4)

Temporary Clerks, equally divided between the two (2) Commissioners, effective immediately through the certification of the 2011 General Election.

- III. The Commissioners hired Yi Yu, for the position of Systems Analyst, effective immediately, at an annual salary of \$84,420. Mr. Yu's resume is on file with the Director of Personnel.

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

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 1:30 P.M.