

THE MEETING OF  
THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011  
AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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

Commissioners Araujo, Barrera, Dent, Guastella, Schacher, Sipp, Stupp,  
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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  
Raphael Savino, Director, Campaign Finance Reporting Enforcement  
John O'Grady, Chief, Voting Machine Technician  
Daniel Lavelle, Supervisor, Phone Bank and Front Counters  
Thomas Sattie, Coordinator, Ballots  
Giacomo Kmet, Temporary Attorney, OGC  
James Barron, Temporary Attorney, OGC  
Charles S. Webb, III, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Todd Valentine, Co-Executive Director, SBOE  
Alberto Gonzalez, BK Democratic County Committee Member  
Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club  
Charlie Laramy, ES&S  
Mitchell A.  
Cathy Gray  
Kate Doran, LWV  
Rima McCoy, CIDNY

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President Polanco called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

President Polanco noted that Todd Valentine, the Co-Executive Director of the State Board, is present. The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Valentine.

Commissioner Umame inquired if the minutes of the October 25, 2011 meeting were revised according to his edits. Eleanor Guerrieri replied that they were. Commissioner Umame moved to adopt the minutes of the October 25, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Schacher seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. O'Grady presented the Voting Machine Facilities Status Report. He distributed copies of the report to the Commissioners. Mr. O'Grady summarized the equipment which will be deployed to the poll sites for the 2011 General Election citywide:

- Scanners – 2,818
- BMDs – 1,430
- ED Supply Carts – 6,109
- Privacy Booths – 15,995
- Chairs – 32,470

- Tables – 7,179

Mr. O'Grady reported that the delivery process is almost complete. Commissioner Schacher requested that equipment in Brooklyn be delivered in a timely fashion. President Polanco stated that the Commissioners need to be guaranteed that every poll site will be opened at 5:00 A.M. on Election Day with all of the required equipment. Mr. O'Grady stated that notices have been sent to the appropriate agencies to ensure that the poll sites will be opened on time on Election Day. All equipment is scheduled to be delivered by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, November 7, 2011.

Mr. Ward presented the Comparative Expenditures Report dated November 1, 2011. A copy of the report is in the agenda. President Polanco requested a report indicating the cost savings made for a more efficient Election Day. Ms. Sandow reported that Mr. Ward is currently preparing such a report. Mr. Ward reported that Election Day ballots cost \$14.5 million in 2010 and only \$5 million for 2011, resulting in a savings of \$9.5 million. Overtime hours in 2010 cost \$4.5 million and is projected to cost \$2 million in 2011, resulting in a savings of \$2.5 million. Mr. Ward explained that there will be two (2) AD Monitoring Teams on General Election Day, instead of three (3) in 2010, which will result in cost savings. He indicated that there will be cost savings for car service as well.

Mr. Ward stated that he will present a comprehensive report at the next meeting. Commissioner Dent thanked Mr. Ward, Executive Management and President Polanco for providing the Commissioners with this information. She looks forward to receiving the final report.

Mr. Richman reported that he distributed copies of materials to the Commissioners relating to the filing made by the State of New York yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York in response to the U.S. Department of Justice's motion for an order to move the Primary for federal office (U.S. Senate and Member of Congress) in 2012 to no later than August 18, 2012. He stated that the hearing on the federal government's motion is scheduled for November 17, 2011 before Judge Gary Sharpe in the U.S. District Court in Albany.

President Polanco asked Mr. Valentine to give an update from the State Board's position on this matter. Mr. Valentine reported that the State Board submitted a response that takes no position as to the date of the Primary Election, but informed the Court that the 2012 waiver application had not been ruled on by the Department of Defense, so the DOJ action is premature. He stated that it is up to the Court to decide when the Primary Election will be and then they will move forward from that point.

Mr. Valentine stated that the State Board makes no mention in their papers with regards to the potential for three (3) primaries in 2012. The Presidential Primary is set for April 24, 2012. He stated that under the statute, the regular primary is currently scheduled for September 11, 2012 which might be moved due to 9/11 remembrance, and the DOJ requested that the Primary for Federal offices be held no later than mid-August 2012. President Polanco stated that the Election Commissioners Association (ECA) called for the Primary to be held on the last Tuesday in June to comply with the Federal MOVE Act. He inquired why the State Board did not take a position. Mr. Valentine stated that the State Board is in a different position than the City Board and other county boards of elections because the State Board does not run the elections; they provide guidance.

President Polanco noted that Secretary Soumas and Commissioner Barrera joined the meeting.

Commissioner Dent asked Ms. Delayo if she received any additional resumes for the position of Executive Director. Ms. Delayo replied no.

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

President Polanco stated that the next meeting will be held in two (2) weeks due to the November 8, 2011 General Election. The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 1:30 P.M.