

THE MEETING OF
THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012
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, Barrera, Dent, Guastella, Sipp, Stupp, Umane

Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager

John Ward, Finance Officer

Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications and Public Affairs

Raphael Savino, Director, Campaign Finance Reporting Enforcement

Daniel Lavelle, Supervisor, Phone Bank and Front Counters

Giacomo Kmet, Temporary Attorney, OGC

James Barron, Temporary Attorney, OGC

Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Chi-Ser Tran

John D. Smith

M. Aronson

Kate Doran, LWV

A. Carmada, Citizens Union

Stewart Armstrong, CFB

Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

Will Colegrove, for Council Member Gale A. Brewer

A.B. Britton

President Polanco called the meeting to order at 1:33 P.M.

President Polanco and Secretary Soumas announced that they will be convening Republican and Democratic caucuses.

After the caucuses were concluded, the regular meeting resumed.

Commissioner Dent announced that Commissioner Schacher is ill and currently in Long Island College Hospital. She stated that Commissioner Schacher's family requests for no visitors at this time. On behalf of the Commissioners, President Polanco stated that their prayers are with Commissioner Schacher.

President Polanco reported that the Republican Caucus unanimously nominated Commissioner Umame to serve as the Secretary of the Board in 2012. Commissioner Stupp seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Secretary Soumas reported that the Democratic Caucus unanimously nominated Commissioner Guastella to serve as the President of the Board in 2012. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The Commissioners congratulated President Guastella and Secretary Umane. On behalf of the Commissioners, Secretary Umane thanked Commissioners Polanco and Soumas for serving as Officers of the Board in 2011. He stated that they were energetic, worked very hard, dedicated extra time, and did a fine job. He noted that the President and Secretary are on call everyday.

Commissioner Dent moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Barrera seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ward presented the Comparative Expenditures Report dated December 27, 2011. A copy of the report is in the agenda.

Mr. Ward presented the Vacancy Report dated January 3, 2011. A copy of the report is in the agenda.

President Guastella recognized Alan Flacks, a member of the public, who inquired if the Board has heard any report from Judge Sharpe, why the news clips have been removed from the agenda, and if any new resumes as it relates to the position of Executive Director have been submitted.

President Guastella replied that the Board has not heard from Judge Sharpe yet and no new resumes were received. Secretary Umame stated that the Board removed the news clips to save paper for environmental reasons. Mr. Flacks requested for the Board to include the news clips again and to print the agenda back-to-back. President Guastella stated that they will look into his request.

President Guastella moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Barrera seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 1:30 P.M.