

MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012  
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 Maria R. Guastella  
                  Secretary Frederic M. Umane

Commissioners Araujo, Barrera, Dent, Polanco, Schacher, Sipp, Soumas

Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
John Ward, Finance Officer  
Dorothy Delayo, Director, Personnel  
John Naudus, Manager, Electronic Voting Systems  
Raphael Savino, Director, Campaign Finance Enforcement Reporting  
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit  
John O'Grady, Chief Voting Machine Technician, VEOU  
Joel Bermejo, Temporary Contract Attorney, OGC  
Giacomo Kmet, Temporary Contract Attorney, OGC  
Kenneth M. Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:       Kevin Joyce, Lifestyles for the Disabled  
                  Michael Nowak, Lifestyles for the Disabled  
                  Katie Nowak, Lifestyles for the Disabled  
                  Timothy Nowak, Lifestyles for the Disabled  
                  Anthony Cabon, Lifestyles for the Disabled  
                  Scott Salinardi, Lifestyles for the Disabled  
                  Burak Uzun, Lifestyles for the Disabled  
                  Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club  
                  John D. Smith  
                  Diala Quashie, for Council Member Gale A. Brewer  
                  Shauna Denkensohn, CFB  
                  Teodora Popouska, Citizens Union  
                  Seth Grossman, City Council

President Guastella called the meeting to order at 1:37 P.M.

President Guastella presented a Proclamation honoring Michael Nowak for his great service in Richmond County. Mr. Nowak has worked tirelessly conducting numerous voter registration drives throughout Staten Island. He is a member of Lifestyles for the Disabled. Their mission is to provide quality learning experiences to those who participate in the program. Lifestyles for the Disabled focuses on the abilities of the individual rather than the disabilities. On behalf of the Commissioners, President Guastella thanked Mr. Nowak for his hard work in Staten Island and presented him with the Proclamation. Commissioner Sipp presented a Proclamation to Scott Salinardi, the Director of Programs, for Lifestyles for the Disabled.

Commissioner Dent moved to adopt the minutes of the September 4, 2012, September 11, 2012 and September 18, 2012 meetings. President Guastella seconded the motion, with Commissioners Soumas and Barrera abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Johnson presented the draft Notice to All Candidates for the November 6, 2012 General Election. A copy of the draft notice is in the agenda. He reported that paragraph #7 is new which concerns Poll Watcher rules. Mr. Johnson requested approval of the draft notice. Commissioner Araujo requested to add that Poll Watchers need to have an appropriate Poll Watcher certificate. Secretary Umame moved to adopt the Notice to All Candidates for the November 6, 2012 General Election including Commissioner Araujo's suggestion. President Guastella seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ward presented the Vacancy Report dated October 9, 2012. A copy of the report is in the agenda.

Ms. Sandow requested to add an item to the agenda. She reported that the Board has been receiving thousands of voter registrations daily. In 2008, the Board hired a vendor to assist with the data entry and quality. Ms. Sandow requested for the Board to use a vendor from October 10, 2012 through October 24, 2012. There would be a total of thirty (30) Temps (15 Democrats and 15 Republicans) and they would work Monday through Friday overnight from 9:00 P.M. to 9:00 A.M. The Board

would stop using the vendor if the registration queue decreases. Ms. Sandow stated that the deadline for data entry and quality is October 19<sup>th</sup> then Xerox has to start producing the Poll Books. The books will then be proofed by the Borough Office Staff. The Poll Books have to be inserted into the ED Supply Carts no later than October 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Sandow stated that Executive Office Staff from various departments has been assisting with data entry and quality as well, but as soon as the queue decreases the registrations received increases. She stated that Ms. Fossella will be reaching out to good government and community groups today to remind them to submit their voter registrations to the Board as soon as possible. Commissioner Schacher moved to authorize Ms. Sandow's request. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, with Commissioner Soumas abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Sipp moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss litigation. President Guastella seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and President Guastella reported that no actions were taken by the

Commissioners in Executive Session.

President Guastella moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Umane seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 1:30 P.M.