

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS  
HELD ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2012  
AT 10:30 A.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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PRESENT: Commissioner Julie Dent  
Commissioner Nancy Mottola-Schacher  
Commissioner Juan Carlos "J.C." Polanco  
Commissioner Gregory C. Soumas

John Ward, Finance Officer  
John Luisi, Agency Chief Contracting Officer  
Matthew Graves, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit  
Diane Rudiano, Chief Clerk, Brooklyn Office  
Maryrose Sattie, Deputy Chief Clerk, Brooklyn Office  
Gregory Lehman, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office  
Timothy Gay, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office  
Giacomo Kmet, Temporary Contract Attorney, OGC  
Joel Bermejo, Temporary Contract Attorney, OGC

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Commissioner Soumas called the meeting to order at 10:46 A.M.

Commissioner Soumas stated that there was a quorum present and called the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York to certify the results of the November 6, 2012 General Election pursuant to the provisions of Title 2 of Article 9 of the New York State Election Law, specifically Section 9-204. Commissioner Soumas stated that at the

Commissioners' Meeting held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, the Commissioners authorized this Commissioners' Committee to act as the Board of Canvassers, in accordance with Section 3-212(5) of the NYS Election Law.

Commissioner Soumas provided background information. He stated that the November 6, 2012 General Election included the Election for President of the United States which always generates a high voter turnout. In addition, that Election was conducted in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The Governor's Executive Order No. 62 was issued on the eve of the Election resulting in thousands of additional affidavit ballots being cast by voters from the City of New York. The Commissioners adopted administrative guidelines for staff to insure that as many of these affidavit ballots as possible were cast and canvassed. These guidelines were pre-cleared by the Attorney General of the United States under the Voting Rights Act. Board Staff has and continues to work seven (7) days a week, twelve (12) hours or more a day to ensure that every vote is counted accurately and correctly.

Commissioner Soumas called upon the Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of Kings County. Ms. Rudiano and Ms. Sattie presented the signed Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election and Special Election conducted in Kings County on November 6, 2012 to the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Ms. Rudiano and Ms. Sattie confirmed that the results are accurate and correct. All provisions of the NYS Elections Law and the Board's adopted Policies and Procedures were complied with. There were two (2) discrepancies to report which are indicated on the Discrepancy Report. It was confirmed that the audit of voter verifiable audit records required by Section 9-211 of the NYS Election Law has been successfully completed. Commissioner Dent moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted in Kings County on November 6, 2012. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Schacher noted that Commissioner Polanco joined the meeting.

Ms. Rudiano thanked the permanent and temporary staff members in the Brooklyn Office for their incredible efforts completing this work. Commissioner Schacher thanked the entire Brooklyn Office Staff for doing a great job. Commissioner Dent concurred with Commissioner Schacher.

Commissioner Soumas called upon the Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of New York County. He stated that at the Commissioners' Meeting held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, the Board of Canvassers certified a Provisional Statement and Return of Canvass for the offices of President and United States Senator. Mr. Lehman and Mr. Gay presented the signed, as of December 27, 2012, Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election and Special Election conducted in New York County on November 6, 2012 to the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Mr. Lehman and Mr. Gay confirmed that the results are accurate and correct as of December 27, 2012. All provisions of the NYS Elections Law and the Board's adopted Policies and Procedures were complied with. There was one (1) discrepancy to report to date which is indicated on the Discrepancy Report. It was confirmed that the audit of voter verifiable audit records required by Section 9-211 of the NYS Election Law has been successfully completed. Commissioner Polanco moved that the Board of

Canvassers certify the Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted in New York County on November 6, 2012. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Schacher moved to approve and adopt the Recap Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted on November 6, 2012 for those Districts which cross county lines within the City of New York and whose respective counties' Statement and Return of Canvass have been approved either today or on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Dent moved to authorize the use of the Commissioners' signature stamps as appropriate on each Statement and Return of Canvass. Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Polanco moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Canvassers. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.