

MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013  
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 Frederic M. Umame  
Secretary Gregory C. Soumas

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Naomi Barrera, Julie Dent, Michael Michel,  
Michael Rendino, Simon Shamoun

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel  
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel  
John Ward, Finance Officer  
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs  
Dorothy Delayo, Director, Personnel  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Monica Bartley, CIDNY  
Catherine T. Gray  
Kate Doran, LWV  
A.B. Britton, KLC GOP USA  
R. Sharpe, DOI  
L. Ramiscella, DOI  
Rachel Fauss, Citizens Union  
Ian Hoffman, Common Cause/NY  
Katharine Loving, CFB  
Pastor Joan Thomas, 45<sup>th</sup> CD, Kings  
Hin Hon Wong, AALDEF  
Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

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President Umane called the meeting to order at 1:38 P.M.

President Umane announced that Commissioner Barrera tendered her resignation as Democratic Commissioner of the Bronx, effective today. He stated that Commissioner Barrera has distinguished herself in her longstanding service to the Board and the people of the City of New York, and will be greatly missed. Commissioner Barrera thanked her fellow Commissioners, Board staff, and the good government groups.

Commissioner Dent moved to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2013, December 3, 2013 and December 10, 2013 Commissioners' Meetings. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, with Commissioner Araujo abstaining on the December 3, 2013 meeting, Commissioner Barrera abstaining on the November 26, 2013 and December 10, 2013 meetings, and Secretary Soumas abstaining on the December 10, 2013 meeting. The motion was adopted. Commissioners Araujo, Barrera and Soumas noted that they abstained because they were not present at those meetings.

Mr. Ryan reported that he received a request to attend the New York City Council Committee on Governmental Operations and Technology Hearing concerning the “Promises and Perils of Internet Voting” scheduled on December 18, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. He reported that this item was inadvertently left off last week’s agenda. Mr. Ryan requested guidance from the Commissioners. President Umane noted that there would be ballot security issues and numerous equal protection issues with internet voting, and added that the Board is an administrative agency and follows the NYS Election Law. President Umane stated that staff can attend the Hearing, but for the Board to take no position on this matter. There was a consensus among the Commissioners for the Board to take no position.

Mr. Ward presented the Vacancy Report dated December 17, 2013. A copy of the report is in the agenda.

President Umane moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of personnel. Commissioner Dent seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed.

President Umane recognized Alan Flacks, a member of the public, who questioned the New York City Law Department's October 2013 Summary Charges Report.

President Umane moved to schedule the next meeting of the Commissioners on January 7, 2014, and to not schedule Commissioners' Meetings on December 24, 2013 and December 31, 2013 due to Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Secretary Soumas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Umane reported the following actions taken in Executive Session:

- I. Nina Crispino, a Clerk in the Bronx Office, will start training in the General Office with Dorothy Delayo, the Director of Personnel, at her current salary. Ms. Crispino will be appointed to the title of Director of Personnel upon Ms. Delayo's retirement on February 1, 2014;
- II. The Commissioners unanimously approved to change the Board's Rules concerning lateness. The Board will employ the City Rule to allow five (5) minutes leeway per day and

to abolish the fifteen (15) minutes, three (3) times a month, lateness exemptions. Executive Management was asked to revise the Policies and Procedures Manual for the period commencing on January 1, 2014. The Automatic Excuse for Transit Delays has been eliminated due to the ambiguity of the reports from the internet. The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerks in the Borough Offices and Executive Management in the General Office will determine whether or not an appropriate excuse is given for lateness;

III. Ameriar Feliciano, a Clerk in the Brooklyn Office, was granted one (1) year of medical leave without pay which will free her position to be filled by Commissioner Shamoun;

IV. The Commissioners unanimously approved the Board's revised Structural Chart – Part 1. The Chart will be disseminated as soon as the changes have been made and will be available to all employees.

Secretary Soumas moved to adjourn the meeting. President Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on  
Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 1:30 P.M.