

HEARINGS ON DESIGNATING PETITION MATTERS FOR THE
JUNE 28, 2016 FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
AND THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Bianka Perez
 Secretary Frederic M. Umane

Commissioners Jose Araujo, John Flateau, Lisa Grey, Michael Michel,
Michael Rendino, Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Rayvon Weaver, Project Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Shanette Brown, Administrative Assistant, Candidate Records Unit
Anthony Andriulli, Deputy Chief Clerk, Staten Island Office
Lisa Sattie, Administrative Associate, Staten Island Office
Frank Tosi, Acting Deputy Chief Clerk, Bronx Office
Lissette Poll, Acting Deputy Chief Clerk, Bronx Office
Bart Haggerty, Deputy Chief Clerk, Queens Office
Robert Pataky, Administrative Associate, Queens Office
Gregory Lehman, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office
William Anthony Allen, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Saundra Ramirez
 Steiner

Egidio Sementilli
Andrew Tulloch, for Maloney
Lucia Gomez, for Espaillat
Arthur Greig, for Caceres
Ryan Sit, NY Daily News
Yvonne Gouglet
Bruce Rosen
Elliot Crown
Andy Lun, for Yung Man Lee
Tom Loo
Yvonne Liu
Sam Cheng
Alison Hall
Alan Barchett
Kate Doran, LWV NYC
Mark Escoffery-Bey
Brigid Burgi, WNYC
Arlene Fader
Katharine Loving, CFB
Jeanine Johnson, for Wright
Elmo Doij, for Yun Kurzon
Nabin Mandal
Emily McCoy
Clement Pairet
Jeremiah Bormemahn
Pete Lidner
Diana Finch, Poll Worker
Jonathan Reich
Anna Maria Thomas
Phoebe Berg
Thomas Gallagher
Wendy Sacks
Kim Sillen
Jessica Kramer
Angelika Nyzio
Samantha Minten
Joel Bridges
Matt Tsui
Nick Childers
Jeremy Arcan
Jonah Balger

Beth Grundfest-Frigieri
Marni Halasa
Lisa Barri, for Nicholas Dedual
Karen Chamberlain
Paul Olson
Jesse Bernelli
M. Starfurgein
Andy O. Kuneff
Michael Harrington
Nisi Jacobs
Laura Delhauer
Kwoklah Fan
Brian Douglas
Marc Cowte
Jeffrey Griffin, WFP/Meng
Yohany M. Ceers
Virginia Sunfar
Wellington Eheyaray
Armand Autram
Jesse Cervantes
T. Lous
Rich Newman
Angelica Thornhill
Frances M. Perez
Dawn Stewart-Lookkah
Kumiko Michelski
Michelle Luggium
Clifford Dodd
Sam Sloan
Sarah McAllister
A.B. Britton, K.L.C. GOP
Caroline Durham
Jeremy Moss
Niko House
Katherine Graves
Marc Weinstein
Adam Raull
Nancy Wolfe
Dana Elzenbeck
Henry Frank
Richard Sterne

Jose Venegur
Louis Armitaef
Rose McCoy

President Perez called the meeting to order at 1:57 P.M.

President Perez moved to postpone the certification of the April 19, 2016 Presidential Primary Election until Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 3:30 P.M. Commissioner Rendino seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Secretary Umane moved to authorize a Commissioners Committee consisting of either two (2) or four (4) Commissioners, equally Democratic and Republican, to act as representatives for each Party if there are less than six (6) Commissioners, for the April 19, 2016 Presidential Primary Election certification. Commissioner Rendino seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Perez moved for the Board to certify the April 19, 2016 Special Elections tomorrow, May 4, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. Secretary Umane seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Secretary Umane moved to authorize a Commissioners Committee consisting of either two (2) or four (4) Commissioners, equally Democratic and Republican, to act as representatives for each Party if there are less than six (6) Commissioners, for the certification of the April 19, 2016 Special Elections. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Ms. Sandow, Ms. Perkins and Ms. Kontzamanis joined the meeting.

President Perez convened the Hearings on Designating Petitions for the June 28, 2016 Federal Primary Election.

President Perez stated the procedures to be followed during the Hearings and called upon Mr. Richman to call the Calendar. Mr. Richman called the Calendar for the Hearings and noted that the Calendar was posted for the public as required.

Mr. Richman presented the joint Legal/CRU Prima Facie Report. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Legal/CRU Prima Facie Report on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Legal/CRU Prima Facie Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Richman presented the Clerks' Reports on Specifications of Objections. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Clerks' Reports on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerks' Report acted upon. Specification Nos. NY 19-1 and BK 20-1 were placed on second call. Specification No. BX 5-1 was adjourned to Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 11:00 A.M.

The Manhattan Office Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk submitted a memorandum to the Commissioners stating that the following New York County Specifications of Objections have been determined to not be worked pursuant to the provisions of Rule H12 of the Board's Designating Petition and Opportunity to Ballot Petition Rules, which are as follows: NY 5-1, NY 14-1, NY 15-1, and NY 16-1.

Mr. Richman presented the Counsels' Reports on Specifications of Objections. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Counsels' Reports on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Counsels' Reports on file at the Board. The Counsel's Report on Specification of Objection NY4-1 was placed on second call.

President Perez moved to convene an Executive Session for personnel matters. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

After Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed.

President Perez called the matters that were placed on second call. The Commissioners' determinations on these second call matters are reflected on the respective Clerks' Reports and Counsel's Report on file at the Board.

The Commissioners unanimously adjourned the Hearings.

President Perez called the regular stated meeting of the Commissioners to order at 4:05 P.M.

Commissioner Schulkin moved to adopt the minutes for the April 12, 2016 and April 26, 2016 meetings. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Board received notice of the New York City Council's Hearing on the Proposed Executive Expense, Revenue, Capital and Contract Budgets for Fiscal Year 2017 scheduled on May 13, 2016. Mr. Ryan requested permission to prepare Testimony and to testify at the Hearing. Secretary Umane moved to authorize Executive Management to prepare Testimony and to testify at the City Council's Hearing on the Proposed Executive Expense, Revenue, Capital and Contract Budgets for Fiscal Year 2017 scheduled on May 13, 2016. Commissioner Schulkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman requested for the appointment of a Cover Sheet Review Committee to meet immediately after the Meeting. Secretary Umane and Commissioner Schulkin volunteered to serve as the Cover Sheet Review Committee.

President Perez opened the floor to members of the public and allowed each member two (2) minutes to speak:

1. Sandra Ramirez, a Brooklyn voter, raised concerns about the voter purge and voting by affidavit ballot.

2. Elliot Crown, a Manhattan voter, raised concerns about the voting machine's software.
3. Lisa Barri, a delegate, raised concerns about possible misinformation given by a poll worker concerning delegates, and the canvassing process in the Manhattan Office. Board staff collected Ms. Barri's information to look into these matters further. Secretary Umane reminded the public that voting instructions are printed on the ballots.
4. Jesse Bonelli, a poll watcher, raised concerns about the canvassing process of affidavit ballots.
5. Laura Delhauer, a voter, raised concerns about her voter registration experience.
6. Yvonne Gouglet, a member of the public, insisted for the Board to stop the certification of the Presidential Primary Election.
7. Angelica Thornhill, a Brooklyn voter, raised concerns about her and other voters' Parties being switched to "no Party" without authorization. Board staff collected Ms. Thornhill's information to look into the matter further. Mr. Ryan reviewed Ms. Thornhill's public voter registration history record and reported that Ms. Thornhill checked the "I do not wish to enroll in a Party" box and signed it on 9/25/12.

8. Phoebe Berg, a voter, raised concerns that her correct Party enrollment was not found online.
9. Nabin Mandal, a Queens voter, raised concerns about the canvassing process of affidavit ballots.
10. Andrew Fader, a Bronx voter, raised concerns about the canvassing process of affidavit ballots.
11. Jonathan Reichel, a Manhattan voter, raised concerns about possible misinformation given by poll workers concerning delegates.
12. Joel Bridges, a poll watcher, raised concerns about the canvassing process of affidavit ballots.
13. Marc Conte, a Brooklyn voter, raised concerns about Exit Poll numbers and the results.
14. Frances Perez, a poll worker, raised concerns about affidavit ballots at her poll site.
15. Caroline Durham, a voter, insisted for the Board to stop the certification of the Presidential Primary Election.
16. Jeremy Moss, a Brooklyn voter, raised concerns about his Party status being “blank” without his authorization. Board staff collected Mr. Moss’ information to look into the matter further. Mr. Ryan reviewed Mr. Moss’ public voter registration history

record and reported that Mr. Moss wrote in “None” for Party and signed it on 11/4/14.

Mr. Ryan reiterated to the members of the public that the Board is still in the process of validating and invalidating all affidavits in accordance with the New York State Election Law. This paper count also includes military, federal, and absentee voter ballots. Mr. Ryan restated that it is a cumbersome task for Board staff and it is an open and transparent canvassing process in all five (5) boroughs.

Mr. Ryan reported the following action that was taken in Executive Session:

- I. Joseph Duffy, a Queens Administrative Associate, was terminated, effective immediately.

The Commissioners unanimously adjourned the meeting.

The Meeting of the Board of Canvassers to certify the April 19, 2016 Special Elections, and the continuation of Hearings on Designating Petitions will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 11:00 A.M.

The Meeting of the Board of Canvassers to certify the April 19, 2016 Presidential Primary Election will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 3:30 P.M.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 1:30 P.M.