

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Maria R. Guastella
 Secretary Frederic M. Umane

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

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez-Diaz, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Anna-Maria Thomas
 Katharine Loving, NYC Campaign Finance Bd.
 Kate Doran, LWV NYC
 Amanda Melillo, CFB
 Victor James

President Guastella called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the
July 19, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, with
Commissioner Rendino abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Savino requested to schedule by borough the Hearings on Objections to Designating Petitions and Related Matters for the September 2016 Primary Election and proposed a draft schedule. After discussion, the following schedule was proposed:

- Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.
 - Queens County (20 Specs.)
 - Bronx County (9 Specs.)
 - Public Meeting of the Commissioners
- Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.
 - Richmond County (53 Specs.)
 - Kings County (25 Specs.)
 - New York County (21 Specs.)
 - Call of Deferred Matters (if any)
- Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.
 - Continuing, if necessary.

Commissioner Schulkin moved to approve the proposed schedule as amended. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. Commissioner Araujo requested for Mr. Savino to remind Borough Office staff that all Clerks' Reports should be sent out timely within 24 hours prior to the Hearings. Mr. Savino reported that there is currently one (1) Counsel's Report. The Candidate Records Unit (CRU)

has suggested for the CRU Prima Facie Calendar and Legal Prima Facie Calendar to be combined as one (1) Calendar for the Hearings.

Mr. Ryan recalled that at the previous meeting there was a request to print sample ballots concerning the Commissioners' Ballot Committee Report. The vendor printed a perforated 2-page sample ballot and a 2-sided, front and back, sample ballot which were distributed to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Ryan noted that one of the samples is a November 2002 absentee ballot in Queens County which allowed grouping of all judicial offices to be in a single group. Mr. Ryan noted that any group suggestions by the Commissioners can be incorporated into the sample ballot's PDF. Commissioner Grey noted that she prefers the 2-sided ballot with the "Flip Over" instructions enlarged and in a different color. Commissioner Araujo recommended for the Commissioners to review the samples and discuss this item at the next meeting. Commissioner Guastella reported that she will not be present at the next meeting, and noted that she is in favor of the 2-sided ballot. Commissioners Araujo and Flateau noted that they are in favor of the 2-sided ballot as well. Mr. Ryan confirmed that the 2-sided ballot would be scanned on the front and back at the same time when fed into the Scanner, and noted that this ballot type would be for Manhattan only. Mr. Ryan reported that there are three (3)

provisions of Article 7 concerning the difference between machine ballots and scanner ballots, and he will circulate that information to the Commissioners for review. There was consensus among the Commissioners to table this matter until the next meeting.

Mr. Ryan reported on the status of the Board's new poll worker recruitment campaign. The Board has received a total of 469 applications from FaceBook ads, and 967 poll worker applications from the outdoor ads since July 11, 2016. Ms. Vazquez reported that the Board launched the CUNY students as poll workers plan to work peak hour assistance from 5:00am until 3:00pm, or, from 3:00pm until the close of polls. A total of 118 applications were received from CUNY. The students will get paid \$100 for a peak assistance shift. Secretary Umame recommended encouraging college students to work a full Election Day as they are very tech savvy. Ms. Vazquez reported that based on conversations with a CUNY representative, they did not have much success for full day poll workers in the past. Commissioner Rendino inquired if the Commissioners approved the CUNY students as poll workers plan. It was reported that only the High School students as poll workers plan was approved by the full Board. Ms. Vazquez reported that in the past the Board has recruited poll workers on CUNY campuses, but not for specifically peak hour assistance shifts.

Ms. Vazquez reported that the student poll worker application offers a morning shift, afternoon shift, or the option to work a full day. Commissioner Flateau requested for the amount of High School applications received per borough. Commissioner Schulkin requested for the amount of CUNY applications received per borough. Ms. Vazquez reported that Ms. Leible will provide that specific information. Commissioner Flateau noted that another potential resource would be to hire municipal workers as poll workers. Mr. Ryan reported that in the past the Board has suggested for municipal workers as poll workers, but there are Union, Administrative, and City Council involvement and complexities. There are issues concerning the Union Locals' Collective Bargaining Agreements. Ms. Vazquez reported that the Board has tried recruiting poll workers through the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) targeting substitute and retired teachers. The Board provided poll worker flyers and a link to ElectionDayWorkers.com to UFT. UFT sent email blasts to their teachers, but it was unsuccessful. Commissioner Shamoun recalled that the poll worker recruitment robocalls were successful in Brooklyn in the past. In conversations with the Brooklyn Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk, he suggested for at least three (3) dedicated poll worker numbers in each Borough Office during the poll worker peak season to assist in dealing with scheduling poll workers training classes and poll site assignments.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the expansion of the student poll worker program to include CUNY with the caveat that any further expansion to be brought before the full Board of Commissioners. President Guastella seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Savino requested for the Commissioners to designate Cover Sheet Review Committee Members for Week #3 for the September 2016 Primary Election petition filing process.

The Commissioners designated the following schedule:

- Tuesday, July 26th (immediately after the Comm. Mtg.)
 - President Guastella & Commissioner Rendino
- Friday, July 29th (at 4:00 P.M.)
 - Commissioner Flateau & Commissioner Rendino

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

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and Mr. Ryan reported the following actions taken in Executive Session:

- I. The Commissioners granted an advance of 210 hours of discretionary time to Asalia Trilla, a Clerk in the Bronx Office. Ms. Trilla's agency start date is July 9, 2006;
- II. The Commissioners granted an advance of 210 hours of discretionary time to Charlette Jordan, a Clerk in the Manhattan Office. Ms. Jordan's agency start date is October 1, 2000.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 1:30 P.M.