

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Frederic M. Umame
 Secretary Rosanna Vargas

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

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Thomas Sattie, Associate Staff Analyst, Ballot Management Unit
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Kate Doran, LWVNYC
 Kaylee Belden, Citizens Union
 Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee
 K. Loving, NYC CFB
 A. Melillo, NYC CFB

President Umame called the meeting to order at 1:42 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the January 17, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Savino presented the Draft Notice to Candidates for the February 14, 2017 Special Election in New York County which was prepared by the Candidate Records Unit. Copies of the Draft Notice were distributed to the Commissioners for their review. The Office of the General Counsel has previously reviewed the Draft Notice and it meets all statutory requirements. Mr. Savino provided a summary of the notice. President Umane moved to adopt the Notice to Candidates for the February 14, 2017 Special Election in New York County as submitted. Commissioner Schulkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan presented three (3) sample absentee ballots for the February 14, 2017 Special Election in New York County. Sample Ballot #1 – traditional wrap around, portrait style, Sample Ballot #2 - landscape style, and Sample Ballot #3 - stacked from top to bottom, portrait style. President Umane moved to adopt Sample Ballot #1 – traditional wrap around, portrait style for the February 14, 2017 Special Election in New York County.

Commissioner Schulkin seconded the motion, with Commissioner Flateau abstaining. The motion was adopted. In response to Commissioner Araujo's inquiry, Mr. Sattie reported that the ballot's font size will be 12 Point. President Umane requested for the "Party Header" names to be equally enlarged as much as possible on the ballot.

President Umane recognized Alan Flacks, a member of the public, who raised concerns about the potential new Commissioner for New York County.

President Umane moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of personnel. Commissioner Araujo 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 a discretionary advance of 280 hours to James Parks, a Voting Machine Technician in the Brooklyn Voting Machine Facility, retroactive to January 19, 2017. Mr. Parks' agency start date was March 2002;

II. The Commissioners granted a discretionary advance of 210 hours to Troy Johnson, Coordinator of the Candidate Records Unit, to be used as needed. Mr. Johnson's agency start date was June 10, 2004.

President Umane moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on January 31, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.