

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
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. Umane  
                  Secretary Rosanna Vargas

Commissioners Jose Araujo, John Flateau, Lisa Grey, Maria R. Guastella,  
Michael Rendino, Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager  
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel  
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:       Vincent Dones  
                  Kate Doran, LWV NYC  
                  K. Loving, NYC CFB

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

President Umane reported that there will be an Executive Session for  
a personnel matter.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the February 7, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Schulkin seconded the motion, with Commissioner Rendino abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that he received a letter from the New York City Council Committee on Governmental Operations requesting for the Board to testify at their Hearing on March 13, 2017. The Hearing concerns the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018. Mr. Ryan requested approval to prepare testimony and attend the Hearing. Commissioner Guastella moved to authorize Board staff to prepare testimony and attend the Hearing. Commissioner Schulkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported on the Special Election conducted on February 14, 2017 in the 9<sup>th</sup> Council District, New York County. This election is scheduled to be certified on February 28, 2017. Mr. Ryan noted that the New York City Council does not accept preliminary certifications by the Board; therefore, final certification will lead to the seating of the prevailing candidate. This would likely lead to a vacancy in the New York State Senate. The New York State Governor will make the determination if

a Special Election will be called for that vacated seat. Mr. Ryan reported the following information about the Special Election:

- A total of 35 poll sites were opened;
- A total of 98 tablets were deployed;
- There was a total of 186 successful poll worker check-ins on the tablets. This App is still in the process of being tested;
- A total of 93 Portable Marking Devices (PMDs) were utilized and 97.85% were uploaded. Some PMDs did not upload due to connectivity issues within the poll site;
- Bipartisan Teams from Erie County and Nassau County observed specifically the utilization of the tablets and the Election Night Reporting (ENR) process.

Commissioner Flateau recommended for the Board to release an ENR Process press statement based on the successful results. Mr. Ryan noted that there will be an ENR report in the Board's Annual Report.

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

Following Executive Session, the open public session resumed. No action was taken in Executive Session.

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 February 28, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.