

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 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: Secretary Rosanna Vargas

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

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager  
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel  
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel  
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee  
Ernest Skinner, Ernest J. Skinner Political Association  
Kate Doran, LWVNYC  
Catherine T. Gray, LWVNYC  
Katharine Loving, NYC Campaign Finance Board  
Amanda Melillo, CFB

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Secretary Vargas called the meeting to order at 1:42 P.M.

Commissioner Flateau moved to adopt the minutes for the February 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Flateau requested for an Executive Session concerning litigation.

Mr. Ryan reported that he received a Proclamation from the New York State Governor designating a May 23, 2017 Special Election for Member of the New York State Senate in the 30<sup>th</sup> State Senate District. Copies of the draft Calendars for the Certificates of Party Nomination and Independent Nominating Petitions were circulated for review and approval. Mr. Richman recommended scheduling the date for Hearings on Specifications of Objections and Related Matters on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. after the regular stated Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the Calendars and to schedule the Hearings on Specifications of Objections and Related Matters on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. after the regular stated Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Guastella seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Araujo requested for an update on poll worker recruitment and advertisements. Mr. Ryan reported that there will be an enhanced poll worker recruitment plan. The subway, Staten Island Rapid Transit (S.I.R.T.) and bus ads will commence on April 1, 2017. There will

be a total of 4,000 interior bus cards, 4,000 subway car cards, and 108 S.I.R.T. car cards. Last election, a total of 5,700 poll worker applications were received based on the subway, S.I.R.T. and bus ad website links, and a total of 1,437 worked on Election Day. Mr. Ryan noted that it was successful recruitment based on the short duration of the ads. Commissioner Guastella inquired about the replenishment of poll worker applications in the Post Offices. Ms. Sandow reported that the poll worker applications in the Post Offices and NYC Libraries are replenished every year by the Board. With respect to the Board's High School students as poll workers recruitment program, Ms. Sandow reported that the Queens Office was successful in recruiting 73 High School students. Some Borough Offices are interested in working with the Queens Office on the High School students as poll workers recruitment program. The Chief Clerks and Deputy Chief Clerks will work with their respective Commissioners on selecting High Schools in their borough and then poll worker packets will be sent to those selected High Schools. Commissioner Flateau inquired about the Board's CUNY students as poll workers recruitment program. Mr. Ryan reported that the Board has conducted CUNY poll worker recruitment events in the past and will continue in the future, but there has not been an abundance of participation from college students. The majority of college students who applied did not

show up to the poll worker training class. It was noted that college exam schedules fall around Election Day which may play as a factor for the lack of poll worker participation.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Board's draft Legislative Package for the March 27, 2017 State Government Education and Information Day will be presented at the next meeting for review and approval. He noted that Commissioner Araujo had requested for additional information to be included in the draft.

Secretary Vargas recognized Alan Flacks, a member of the public, who inquired about combining Election Districts in the 30<sup>th</sup> State Senate District for the May 23, 2017 Special Election.

Mr. Ryan reported that there was reapportionment of Election District lines in New York City and Election Districts may have changed for some voters. Any affected voter in the 30<sup>th</sup> State Senate District will receive an information notice before the May 23, 2017 Special Election. Any changes will be bolded on the front of the notice. All other affected voters will receive the required Annual Voter Information Notice in August.

Secretary Vargas recognized Kate Doran, a representative of the League of Women Voters, who inquired about the Board's Annual Report and a voter registration calendar.

Secretary Vargas recognized Alan Flacks, a member of the public, who inquired about the schedule of Hearings for the May 23, 2017 Special Election.

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

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and Mr. Ryan reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Secretary Vargas moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on March 14, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.