

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 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, Maria R. Guastella,
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
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Monica Bartley, CIDNY
 Rosemarie Hameed
 Kate Doran, LWVNYC
 Katharine Loving, NYC Campaign Finance Board
 Cathy Gray, LWVNYC
 Amanda Melillo, CFB

President Umame called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo moved to table the minutes for the March 21, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Umame noted that Secretary Vargas and Mr. Ryan joined the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 4-114 of the New York State Election Law, Mr. Ryan requested for the certification of the ballot for the May 23, 2017 Special Election in the 30th State Senate District in New York County. Copies of two (2) proposed sample ballot layouts were distributed to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Ryan presented one (1) portrait style sample and one (1) landscape style sample. Both styles will work using the DS-200 scanners and both have a 12 point font. Commissioner Schulkin moved to adopt the portrait style ballot layout for the May 23, 2017 Special Election in the 30th State Senate District in New York County. President Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan requested authorization to print and distribute Military and Absentee ballots for the May 23, 2017 Special Election in the 30th State Senate District in New York County. President Umame moved to authorize

the printing of the Military and Absentee ballots. Commissioner Grey seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported on the New York State Government Information and Education Day which was held on March 28, 2017 in Albany, NY. Various Board Commissioners and staff attended the conference. The New York State Senate and Assembly Chairs are currently in the process of completing the budget. The Chair of the Standing Committee on Election Law expressed desires to meet with Board staff and the Commissioners post budget process. The Committee was very interested in the Board's enhanced ballot readability suggestions, particularly the modification to use mixed fonts – capital and lowercase letters. The Committee noted that they would like for all New York boards of elections to weigh-in on issues and timelines if changes are to be made to the law. Executive Management is expecting a follow-up call from the Committee. Mr. Ryan reported that the conference was successful for the City Board.

President Umame recognized Rosemarie Hameed, a member of the public, who inquired about her voter registration Approval Notice.

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

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

- I. Raymond J. Riley was appointed as Chief Clerk of the Brooklyn Office, effective immediately, with an agency start date of April 30, 2017. Salvatore Barrera will remain as Acting Chief Clerk until April 30, 2017.

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 April 11, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.