

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 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 John Flateau, John Wm. Zaccone, Maria R. Guastella,  
Robert Siano, Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager  
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:       Anna-Maria Thomas  
                  Katharine Loving, NYC Campaign Finance Board  
                  Kate Doran, LWVNYC  
                  Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

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President Umane called the meeting to order at 1:37 P.M.

On behalf of the Commissioners, President Umane welcomed new  
Commissioners John Wm. Zaccone and Robert Siano to the Board.

Commissioner Guastella moved to adopt the minutes for the March 21, 2017 and April 4, 2017 meetings. The motion was seconded. Before a vote by the full Board was taken, Mr. Ryan noted that there was a revision in the draft March 21, 2017 minutes which was requested by Commissioner Araujo. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to table the revised draft March 21, 2017 minutes until the next meeting when Commissioner Araujo is present. The minutes for the April 4, 2017 meeting were adopted.

Mr. Ryan provided an update on the Board's operations for the May 23, 2017 Special Election in the 30<sup>th</sup> Senate District in New York County. The information follows:

- 1,388 poll workers and 175 stand-by poll workers are in the process of being assigned;
- 66 Chinese interpreters and 79 Spanish interpreters are in the process of being assigned;
- 201,550 registered voters will be serviced in 75 poll sites;
- 1,318 individual pieces of voting equipment will be deployed.

Mr. Ryan will provide another update with more specifics closer to the election.

For informational purposes, Mr. Ryan reported the following:

- Voter Enrollment Books were printed and delivered to the five (5) Borough Offices the first week of April;
- The Election District (ED) reapportionment process has been completed;
- All military and absentee ballots for the May 23, 2017 Special Election have been mailed.

Commissioner Flateau inquired about poll site changes. Mr. Ryan reported that poll sites cannot be changed with 45 days of an election unless it is an emergency situation.

On behalf of the Commissioners, President Umame welcomed new Contract Attorney Joshua Williams to the Board.

President Umame moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of litigation and personnel. Secretary Vargas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

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

- I. Rhonda Evans, a Clerk in the Manhattan Office, was promoted to the title of Administrative Assistant with an annual salary of \$48,402, retroactive to April 2, 2017;
- II. The Commissioners granted an advance of 140 hours of discretionary time to Gene Wiedeman, a Clerk in the Bronx Office, retroactive to February 9, 2017. Mr. Weideman's agency start date is April 3, 1994;
- III. The Commissioners granted an advance of 224 hours of discretionary time to Nancy McLaurin, an Administrative Associate in the General Office, effective through May 21, 2017. Ms. McLaurin's agency start date is May 28, 2006;
- IV. Angela Petit, an Administrative Assistant in the Brooklyn Office, was promoted to the title of Special Project Coordinator, with an annual salary of \$70,000, effective April 30, 2017;
- V. Concerning a disciplinary matter, James Parks, a Permanent Financial Clerk in the General Office, accepted a Stipulation of Settlement on February 16, 2017 agreeing to an extension of his probation until March 20, 2018, with Borough Commissioner

approval. This action was ratified by the full Board of Commissioners;

- VI. Concerning a disciplinary matter, Tyheem James, a Clerk in the Brooklyn Office, executed a Stipulation of Settlement on February 21, 2017 agreeing to an extension of probation until February 4, 2018, with Borough Commissioner approval. This action was ratified by the full Board of Commissioners.

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 18, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.