

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 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. Umame  
                  Secretary Rosanna Vargas

Commissioners Jose Araujo, John Flateau, Michael Michel, Alan Schulkin,  
Simon Shamoun, Robert Siano, John Wm. Zaccone

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager  
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel  
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel  
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:       Katharine Loving, NYC Campaign Finance Board  
                  Rosemarie Hameed  
                  Kate Doran, LWVNYC  
                  Amanda Melillo, NYC CFB  
                  Brigid Bergin, WNYC  
                  Cathy Gray, LWVNYC

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President Umame called the meeting to order at 1:43 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the April 18, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman reported on the designation of poll sites and poll rooms for the period of May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018, pursuant to Section 4-104 of the New York State Election Law. Copies of the five (5) boroughs' 2017 – 2018 Poll Site Designation Reports were distributed to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Richman reported that the Chief Clerks, Deputy Chief Clerks and Commissioner Committees have previously reviewed and approved their respective borough's report. Mr. Richman requested full Board approval of the reports. After approval, notice will be mailed to these entities. Commissioner Schulkin moved to adopt the five (5) boroughs' 2017 – 2018 Poll Site Designation Reports for the period of May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. Commissioner Shamoun seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Election Commissioners Association (ECA) of the State of New York has scheduled their 2017 Summer Conference from June 20, 2017 – June 23, 2017 in Lake Placid, NY. Mr. Ryan requested approval to permit designated staff members to attend

the Conference. Commissioner Araujo inquired if the Board will be making a presentation. Ms. Sandow noted that the ECA agenda is not finalized yet. Mr. Ryan recalled that the Board made a presentation at the 2017 Winter Conference. Commissioner Araujo moved to approve designated staff members to attend the ECA Summer Conference scheduled from June 20, 2017 – June 23, 2017. Secretary Vargas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Umane recognized Rosemarie Hameed, a member of the public, who inquired about voter registration rules.

Commissioner Araujo moved to convene Executive Session for purposes of personnel. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

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

- I. Charlette Jordan, a Clerk in the Manhattan Office, requested for benefits during FMLA which was denied by the full Board of

Commissioners as it is beyond the scope of the Commissioners' authority;

- II. Mark Beiner was appointed as Project Coordinator in the General Office at the incoming salary, effective in two (2) weeks;
- III. Matthew Graves, an Administrative Associate in the General Office, was promoted to the title of Project Coordinator, at the incumbent salary rate, retroactive to the week of April 2, 2017;
- IV. Michael Motta, an Administrative Associate in the General Office, submitted a request for a discretionary advance of time which was denied by the full Board of Commissioners;
- V. The Commissioners granted an advance of 210 hours to Gene Wiedemann, a Clerk in the Bronx Office. Mr. Wiedemann's agency start date is April 3, 1994;
- VI. Philip Mione, a Computer Operator assigned to the General Office, has been transferred to the Queens Office as Permanent Financial Clerk. Valerie Lodato, a Clerk in the Queens Office, has been assigned to the General Office to fill Mr. Mione's position at the incumbent rate, effective April 30, 2017;
- VII. The Commissioners granted advance of 140 hours to Ellen Giwa, an Administrative Assistant in the General Office. Ms. Giwa's agency start date is Sept 8, 2008;

VIII. Carlos Rodriguez has been appointed as Administrative Associate to fill the position recently vacated by Carlos Anton in the Voting Equipment Operations Unit in the General Office, effective May 14, 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 May 2, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.