

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 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, 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
 Kate Doran, LWVNYC
 Rosemarie Hameed

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

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the April 25, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Secretary Vargas moved to adopt the minutes for the May 1, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that the New York City Council Hearing on the Proposed Executive Expense, Revenue, Capital and Contract Budgets for Fiscal Year 2018 is scheduled on Friday, May 12, 2017. He requested approval to prepare written testimony and to appear at the Hearing. Commissioner Schulkin moved to approve Mr. Ryan's request. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. Commissioner Araujo requested for a copy of the testimony to be circulated to the Commissioners in advance of the Hearing. Commissioner Flateau requested for the M/WBE Program to be included in the Board's plan.

Secretary Vargas noted that President Umame joined the meeting.

Mr. Richman requested approval of the Draft Designating Petition and OTB Petition Rules for the September 12, 2017 Primary Election. Copies of the draft were circulated to the Commissioners for review at the previous meeting. Mr. Richman reported that the Rules are the same as last year

except for Rules C.1, D.4, and H.12. Mr. Richman summarized the changes. Commissioner Flateau moved to adopt the Designating Petition and OTB Petition Rules for the September 12, 2017 Primary Election as submitted. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. The adopted Rules will be posted on the Board's website and printed as booklets for the public. Commissioner Araujo requested for the adopted Rules to be emailed to the Commissioners.

Mr. Richman requested approval of the Draft Filing Calendar for Designating and Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) Petitions for the September 12, 2017 Primary Election. Copies of the draft were circulated to the Commissioners for review at the previous meeting. The proposed dates for the Hearings on Designating Petitions are Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., and continuing on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, and Thursday, August 3, 2017 (if necessary). Mr. Richman noted that the Calendar can be modified the week of the Hearings. The proposed date for the Hearings on OTB Petitions is Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. before the regular stated Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the Filing Calendar for Designating and Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) Petitions for the September 12, 2017 Primary Election as submitted. Commissioner

Schulkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. The adopted Calendar will be posted on the Board's website. Commissioner Araujo requested for the adopted Calendar to be emailed to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Araujo requested to discuss a Queens personnel matter in Executive Session.

Secretary Vargas requested to discuss a Bronx personnel matter in Executive Session.

President Umane recognized Richards Hobbs, a member of the public, who made a statement about government representation for poor people.

President Umane moved to convene Executive Session for purposes of litigation and personnel. Commissioner 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. The Commissioners granted an advance of 420 hours to Valerie Vazquez-Diaz, the Director of Communications & Public Affairs in the General Office, to be used as needed. Ms. Vazquez-Diaz's agency start date is March 12, 2006;
- II. The Commissioners granted advance of 14 hours to Raquel Torres, a Voting Machine Technician in the General Office, retroactive to April 27, 2017. It was noted that Commissioner Araujo recused himself from this matter.

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 Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.