

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 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, Maria R. Guastella, Michael Michel, Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun, Robert Siano, John Wm. Zaccone

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager  
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel  
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel  
Greg Lehman, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office  
William Allen, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:       Wendy Byrne, LWVNYC  
                  Rosemarie Hameed  
                  Katharine Loving, NYC CFB  
                  Kate Doran, LWVNYC  
                  Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

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President Umane called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 2 of Article 9 of the New York State Election Law, specifically Sections 9-204, 9-210 and 9-212, President

Umane called the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York to order for the purposes of certifying the recanvass of votes cast on May 23, 2017 in the Special Election conducted in New York County for Member of the New York State Senate in the 30<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District.

President Umame designated Commissioner Michel of Queens County to serve with him as the second Republican signature on the Statement and Returns of Canvass for New York County.

In Secretary Vargas' absence, President Umame designated Commissioner Schulkin to serve with her as the second Democratic signature on the Statement and Return of Canvass for New York County.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of Manhattan and their staff have prepared and signed the Returns of Canvass for the May 23, 2017 Special Election conducted in the 30<sup>th</sup> New York State Senatorial District in Manhattan. Mr. Lehman and Mr. Allen presented them to the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Mr. Lehman and Mr. Allen confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, there are no discrepancies, and the audit of voter verifiable audit records for both the poll site and central count scanners required by Section 9-211 of the New York State

Election Law has been successfully completed. Based on that report, Commissioner Schulkin moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Return of Canvass for the May 23, 2017 Special Election for the 30<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District in New York County. President Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Umame commended Mr. Lehman, Mr. Allen and staff for conducting a well run election in New York County.

Commissioner Flateau moved to authorize the use of electronic images of the Commissioners' signature stamps as appropriate on the Statement and Return of Canvass. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Schulkin moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Canvassers and to convene the stated meeting of the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Schulkin moved to adopt the minutes for the May 30, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Siano seconded the motion, with

Commissioners Guastella and Shamoun abstaining. The motion was adopted. Commissioners Guastella and Shamoun abstained because they were not present at the meeting.

Mr. Savino introduced Timothy O'Toole, the new Law Student Summer Intern. On behalf of the Commissioners, President Umane welcomed Mr. O'Toole to the Board.

Commissioner Michel moved to convene Executive Session for purposes of personnel. Commissioner Guastella seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Secretary Vargas and Mr. Ryan joined the meeting.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed.

Secretary Vargas noted for the record that she has agreed to allow staff to use her electronic signature stamp, along with Commissioner Schulkin, on the Statement and Return of Canvass for New York County.

Mr. Ryan reported the following actions that were taken in Executive Session:

- I. The Commissioners have unanimously approved the following temporary staff allocations for each borough, equally divided in a bipartisan matter, for the upcoming election cycle:
  - Manhattan Office – 24
  - Bronx Office – 20
  - Queens Office – 20
  - Brooklyn Office – 30
  - Staten Island Office – 10
  - General Office – TBD
- II. With nine (9) Commissioners present for the vote, and Commissioner Araujo abstaining from the vote and not present, the Commissioners unanimously granted a merit raise of \$1,000 annually to Raquel Torres, a Voting Machine Technician in the General Office.

Commissioner Zaccone moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Vargas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.