

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 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
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Monica Bartley, CIDNY
 Cathy Gray, LWV NYC
 Rosemarie Hameed
 Kate Doran, LWV NYC
 Katharine Loving, NYC CFB
 Ayna Koryaliza

President Umame called the meeting to order at 1:39 P.M.

President Umame announced that there was no quorum yet and staff will report on Informational Items first.

Mr. Richman provided an overview of the New York State Election Commissioners' Association (ECA) Summer Conference which was held from June 20 – 23, 2017 in Lake Placid, NY. The Legislative Committee reported that a total of nine (9) bills passed both Houses in which eight (8) may affect the City Board. The State Board presented draft language for the proposed ballot questions which should be finalized by the end of July. There was also discussion of how some county boards of elections conduct their petition hearings and manage their poll sites. Ms. Sandow was elected by the Republican Caucus to the Legislative Committee and will be seated on July 1, 2017.

President Umame noted that Commissioners Flateau and Shamoun joined the meeting and a full quorum is now present.

Mr. Ryan reported that there was an ES&S User Group meeting at the ECA Conference. ES&S staff demonstrated a new version of Election Management Software which is in the final stages of being tested and approved. The new version has great advancements and is more interactive to the user. Some new features include the ability of printing full ballot images, searching and grouping election events in a more cohesive manner, and grouping the ovals and write-ins by Election District.

In response to President Umane's inquiry, Mr. Ryan reported that some of the Board's past suggestions have been incorporated into the new software version. After outside testing and State Board certification, the new version is anticipated to be available for the 2018 General Election. Mr. Ryan noted that he will confirm the schedule and is expected to view the new version before it is finalized.

Commissioner Schulkin moved to adopt the minutes for the June 20, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, with Commissioner Zacccone abstaining. The motion was not adopted. The minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Richman presented the Draft Filing Calendar for Independent Nominating Petitions for the November 7, 2017 General Election. Copies of the draft were circulated to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Richman requested approval of the Draft Calendar and recommended scheduling the Hearings on Independent Nominating Petitions on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. at the regular stated meeting. Commissioner Shamoun moved to adopt the Filing Calendar for Independent Nominating Petitions for the November 7, 2017 General Election and to schedule the Hearings on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at

1:30 P.M. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. Mr. Richman noted that the adopted Calendar will be posted on the Board's website and at the Board's Front Counters.

Mr. Ryan reported on the 2017 Poll Worker Bonus. To prevent a drop off in poll worker attendance, staff has requested to add the potential Run-off Election for eligibility to receive the \$75 Poll Worker Bonus. Poll workers would have to work all three (3) main citywide election events (Primary, Potential Run-off and General Election) to receive the bonus. Mr. Ryan requested for Board approval of this request. Commissioner Shamoun moved to add the potential Run-off Election to the 2017 Poll Worker Bonus. Commissioner Schulkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Umane added an Executive Session for purposes of personnel.

President Umane recognized Rosemarie Hameed, a member of the public, who inquired about her candidacy for Mayor.

President Umame moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of personnel. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Secretary Vargas and Commissioner Siano joined the meeting.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and President Umame reported the following actions that were taken in Executive Session:

- I. The Commissioners approved the appointment of Judy Lei as the Democratic Chinese Interpreter, effective immediately;
- II. Commissioners Schulkin and Zaccone have been added to the Commissioners' Finance Committee. A total of four (4) Commissioners have been deemed a quorum for the Finance Committee. The Commissioners are considering two (2) Commissioners as a quorum;
- III. The Commissioners granted 140 hours Advance of Time to Frank Tosi, an Administrative Associate in the Bronx Office, to be used intermittently and to be paid back from his accruals.

With additional Commissioners present, President Umane returned to the tabled minutes for the June 20, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Flateau moved to adopt the minutes for the June 20, 2017 meeting. Secretary Vargas seconded the motion, with Commissioner Zaccone abstaining. The motion was adopted.

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