

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Frederic M. Umane
 Secretary Rosanna Vargas

Commissioners Jose Araujo, 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
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: Kate Doran, LWV NYC
 Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee
 Catherine Gray, LWV NYC

President Umane called the meeting to order at 1:38 P.M.

Commissioner Zaccone moved to adopt the minutes for the July 11, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Siano seconded the motion, with Commissioner Michel abstaining. The motion was adopted.

On behalf of the Commissioners, President Umame congratulated Commissioner Araujo on his reappointment as Board Commissioner by the City Council.

Mr. Richman requested for the designation of the Commissioners' Cover Sheet Review Committees for Week #2 of the September 2017 Primary Petition Process. The designations and schedule follow:

- Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 3:30 P.M.
 - Commissioner Araujo and Commissioner Michel
- Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 4:00 P.M.
 - Commissioner Schulkin and Commissioner Zaccone
- Tuesday, July 18, 2017 (Immediately following Comm. Mtg.)
 - Commissioner Guastella and President Umame

Mr. Richman reported that the schedule will be posted on the Board's website.

Secretary Vargas moved to table Item #2. b. – Referral of Cover Sheet Review Matters by Commissioners Committee – after Executive Session. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Commissioners Guastella and Araujo requested to discuss personnel matters in Executive Session.

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

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed.

Mr. Richman presented the referral of Cover Sheet Review matters by the Commissioners' Petition and Cover Sheet Review Committee held on July 17, 2017. Copies of the memorandum and attachments were circulated to the Commissioners for review. The Cover Sheet Review Committee comprised of Commissioners Umane and Guastella referred two (2) matters to the full Board for their consideration and determination:

1. Working Families Party July 12, 2017 Printer's Error Letter relating to the incorrect address on their Designating Petitions for Eric L. Adams, candidate for Brooklyn Borough President. The WFP coordinator prepared petitions using the candidate's prior address. The coordinator learned on July 11th that Mr. Adams had moved and listed his correct current address on the Cover Sheet filed for said petitions. The WFP requests that

the Commissioners accept this Printer's Error Letter and that the designating petitions referenced be deemed valid;

2. A potential defect was identified with respect to one of the petition volumes filed and the cover sheet for Lolita Ferrin, candidate for Female Member of the Republican State Committee for the 69th Assembly District. The candidate claimed four (4) petition volumes for her Party position. Her Cover Sheet and three (3) volumes states her residence with one address, and the fourth volume lists another address which is also the address of the candidate for Member of the City Council, 6th District, Alternate Delegate to the Judicial Convention and District Leader for 69th Assembly District - Part B. The petition coordinator requests that the Commissioners accept this Printer's Error Letter and that the designating petitions referenced be deemed valid.

President Umame moved for the full Board to accept the Printer's Error Letters in these two (2) cases because there was no fraud or intent to deceive, and noted that one candidate is a current elected official and there is no other candidate running against the State Committee candidate. Commissioner Guastella seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

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

- I. The Commissioners granted 70 hours Advance of Sick Leave for Marianne Noce, an Administrative Assistant in the General Office, to be used as needed, effective immediately;
- II. The Commissioners granted 210 hours Advance of Time for Jose D. Polanco, an Administrative Assistant in the General Office, to be used as needed. Mr. Polanco's agency start date is July 16, 2007;
- III. The Commissioners granted 210 hours Advance of Time for Jose Cintron, a Permanent Trainer Assistant in the General Office. Mr. Cintron's agency start date is August 19, 2013. Commissioner Michel recused himself from this matter.

President Umame recognized Alan Flacks, a member of the public, who inquired about a Board letter he received about the Chinese translation of his name on the ballot.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.