

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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, 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
Joshua Williams, Contract Attorney, Office of the General Counsel
Steven Guglielmi, Acting Director, Personnel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Justin Wax Jacobs
 Wendy Byrne, LWVNYC
 Kate Doran, LWVNYC

President Umane called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

President Umane called the Hearings on Independent Nominating Petitions for the 27th Assembly District in Queens County. Mr. Richman called the Calendar.

President Umame noted that Commissioner Michel, Mr. Ryan and Ms. Kontzamanis joined the meeting.

Mr. Richman called the Candidate Records Unit's Prima Facie Report. There was an appearance by the candidate and/or their representative which is indicated on the Report on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Report.

Commissioner Zaccone moved to adopt the minutes for the October 10, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Ms. Leible presented the Poll Worker Exception Report for the November 7, 2017 General Election. Copies of the Report were circulated to the Commissioners for review. Ms. Leible advised that each Commissioners Committee has reviewed and approved their borough's report and requested for full Board approval of all reports. Commissioner Michel moved to adopt the Poll Worker Exception Report for the November 7, 2017 General Election for all five (5) boroughs. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported on the holiday in lieu of the November 7, 2017 General Election, pursuant to the contract with the CWA Local 1183. For purposes of CityTime payroll programming, Executive Management proposed designating November 24, 2017 as a holiday, the day after Thanksgiving, as per past practice. Commissioner Michel moved to designate November 24, 2017 as a holiday in lieu of November 7, 2017 as per past practice. Commissioner Guastella seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Umame added an Executive Session for purposes of personnel.

Secretary Vargas moved to convene Executive Session for personnel matters. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed.

Mr. Ryan reported that the City Board received notification from the State Board yesterday of a minor error concerning Proposal #2 on the ballot which cites the improper Article of the New York State Constitution.

Executive Management recommended making the changes on the face cards at the poll sites, posting notice on the Board's website, and incorporating this matter into the AD Monitors and Coordinators refresher poll worker training classes before the General Election. Given the late notification, the City Board is not in the position to reprint the ballots and to start the retesting process of voting machines all over again. Under the circumstances, Executive Management believed that this recommendation is in compliance with the instructions from the State Board to take reasonable efforts advising the public of this error. It was reported that this error does not affect the substance of the Proposal and the error was initially made by the New York State Attorney General's Office. Moving forward, absentee ballot envelopes will contain an insert. Executive Management recommended for the full Board to ratify this decision. Commissioner Araujo moved for the full Board to adopt Executive Management's recommendation. Secretary Vargas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported the following that was action taken in Executive Session:

- I. The Commissioners granted 210 hours of discretionary Advance of Time to Shontia Vaughn, an Administrative

Associate in the Executive Office. Ms. Vaughn's agency start date is January 26, 1992.

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

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.