

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS
AND THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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
Steven Guglielmi, Acting Director, Personnel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Rayvon Weaver, Project Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Parnell Sena, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit
Anthony Andriulli, Deputy Chief Clerk, Staten Island Office
Sadick Sammy, Trainer Assistant, Staten Island Office
Bart Haggerty, Deputy Chief Clerk, Queens Office
Robert Pataky, Administrative Associate, Queens Office
Daniel Ortiz, Acting Deputy Chief Clerk, Brooklyn Office
Raymond Riley, Chief Clerk, Brooklyn Office
Greg Lehman, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office
Alvin Samuels, Acting Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office
Brendaliz Candelaria, Deputy Chief Clerk, Bronx Office
Rocco Cirotti, Administrative Associate, Bronx Office
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Kate Doran, LWVNYC
 Wendy Byrne, LWVNYC

President Umane called the meeting to order at 1:35 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 certify the results of the November 7, 2017 General Election conducted in the City of New York.

President Umane designated the Republican Commissioners for their respective counties and Commissioner Michel to serve with him for New York County and the citywide and multi-county recaps.

Secretary Vargas designated the Democratic Commissioners for their respective counties and Commissioner Araujo to serve with her for Bronx County and the citywide and multi-county recaps.

President Umane reported that the November 7, 2017 General Election included the elections for all of the citywide and boroughwide offices as well as all 51 Members of the New York City Council, several

members of the State Legislature, Justices and Judges in all five counties within the City of New York. Since before the election, staff has worked seven (7) days a week and at least twelve (12) hours a day to ensure that every vote is counted accurately and correctly.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of Queens and their staff have prepared and signed the Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted in Queens County on November 7, 2017. Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Pataky, on behalf of Ms. Conacchio, presented the Statements to the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Pataky confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, all the provisions of the New York State Election Law and this Board's adopted Policies and Procedures were complied with, and the audit of voter verifiable audit records for both poll site and central count scanners required by Section 9-211 of the New York State Election Law has been successfully completed for these contests. There was one discrepancy. The Discrepancy Report is attached to the Return of Canvass. Based on that report, Commissioner Araujo moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted in Queens County on November 7, 2017.

Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of the Bronx and their staff have prepared and signed the Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted in Bronx County on November 7, 2017. Ms. Candelaria and Mr. Cirotti, on behalf of Mr. Ribustello, presented the Statements to the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Mr. Candelaria and Mr. Cirotti confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, all the provisions of the New York State Election Law and this Board's adopted Policies and Procedures were complied with, the audit of voter verifiable audit records for both poll site and central count scanners required by Section 9-211 of the New York State Election Law has been successfully completed for these contest, and there were no discrepancies. Based on that report, Commissioner Siano moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted in Bronx County on November 7, 2017. Secretary Vargas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The Chief Clerk and Acting Deputy Chief Clerk of Brooklyn and their staff have prepared and signed the Statement and Return of Canvass for

the General Election conducted in Kings County on November 7, 2017. Mr. Riley and Mr. Ortiz presented the Statements to the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Mr. Riley and Mr. Ortiz confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, all the provisions of the New York State Election Law and this Board's adopted Policies and Procedures were complied with, the audit of voter verifiable audit records for both poll site and central count scanners required by Section 9-211 of the New York State Election Law has been successfully completed for these contest, and there were no discrepancies. Based on that report, Commissioner Shamoun moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted in Kings County on November 7, 2017. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The Chief Clerk and Acting Deputy Chief Clerk of Manhattan and their staff have prepared and signed the Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted in New York County on November 7, 2017. Mr. Lehman and Mr. Samuels presented the Statements to the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Mr. Candelaria and Mr. Cirotti confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, all the provisions of the New York State Election Law

and this Board's adopted Policies and Procedures were complied with, the audit of voter verifiable audit records for both poll site and central count scanners required by Section 9-211 of the New York State Election Law has been successfully completed for these contest, and there were no discrepancies. Based on that report, President Umame moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted in New York County on November 7, 2017. Commissioner Schulkin seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of Staten Island and their staff have prepared and signed the Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted in Richmond County on November 7, 2017. Mr. Andriulli and Mr. Sammy, on behalf of Ms. Del Giorno, presented the Statements to the Canvassing Board for review and approval. Mr. Andriulli and Mr. Sammy confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, all the provisions of the New York State Election Law and this Board's adopted Policies and Procedures were complied with, the audit of voter verifiable audit records for both poll site and central count scanners required by Section 9-211 of the New York State Election Law has been successfully completed for these contest, and there were no

discrepancies. Based on that report, Commissioner Guastella moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Statement and Return of Canvass for the General Election conducted in Richmond County on November 7, 2017. Commissioner Zaccone seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Araujo moved to approve and adopt the Recap Statement and Return to Canvass for the General Election conducted on November 7, 2017 for the three (3) Citywide Offices of Mayor, Comptroller, and Public Advocate, as well as for those Districts which cross county lines within the City of New York and whose respective counties' Statement and Return of Canvass have been approved today. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

On behalf of the Commissioners, President Umame thanked all Borough Office staff for their hard work during this election cycle.

Commissioner Flateau moved to authorize staff to electronically affix the appropriate Commissioners' signatures as previously designated on each Statement and Return of Canvass. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

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

Commissioner Siano moved to adopt the minutes for the November 14, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, with Commissioner Guastella abstaining. The motion was adopted.

President Umane reported that there will be an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Annual Election Commissioners' Association (ECA) of the State of New York Winter Conference is schedule from January 8, 2018 thru January 11, 2018 in Albany, NY. Mr. Ryan requested approval from the Commissioners for staff to attend the ECA Conference. Commissioner Guastella moved to authorize staff to attend the ECA's Winter Conference. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Board received an invitation to attend the New York City Council Committee on Governmental Operations Oversight Hearing concerning the 2017 Election scheduled on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Mr. Ryan requested authorization to prepare Testimony and to attend the Hearing. Commissioner Araujo moved to authorize Executive Management to prepare Testimony and to attend the City Council Hearing. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Umane recognized Alan Flacks, a member of the public, who spoke about his voting experience at his poll site on Election Day and the Board's absentee ballot procedures.

Secretary Vargas moved to convene Executive Session for personnel matters. Commissioner Zaccone 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 77 hours Advance of Time to Charles Drummond, an Administrative Assistant in the Manhattan Office, retroactive to November 13, 2017. Mr. Drummond's agency start date is October 8, 2007;
- II. The Commissioners granted 210 hours Discretionary Advance of Time to Nancy McClaurin, an Administrative Associate in the General Office, retroactive to November 6, 2017. Ms. McClaurin's agency start date is May 28, 2006;
- III. The Commissioners granted 98 hours Advance of Time to Shontia Vaughn, an Administrative Associate in the General Office, retroactive to November 6, 2017. Ms. Vaughn's agency start date is January 26, 1992;
- IV. Alvin Samuels, an Administrative Associate in the Manhattan Office, was appointed Acting Deputy Chief Clerk of the Manhattan Office, with the effective date of November 15, 2017.

President Umane moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Siano seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 1:30 P.M.