

HEARINGS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE JUNE 26, 2018  
FEDERAL OFFICE PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE  
MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, EVS CONFERENCE ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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PRESENT:       President Rosanna Vargas  
                  Secretary John Wm. Zaccone

Commissioners Jose Araujo, John Flateau, Maria R. Guastella, Michael Michel, Alan Schulkin, Simon Shamoun, Robert Siano, Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager  
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel  
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel  
Steven Guglielmi, Director, Personnel  
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications and Public Affairs  
Debra Leible, Election Day Operations, Coordinator  
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit  
Don Bosco, Chief Clerk, Staten Island Office  
Anthony Andriulli, Deputy Chief Clerk, Staten Island Office  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:       Jim Dillon  
                  Frank Morano  
                  Peter Kindner  
                  Cortney Gross  
                  John Ciampoli  
                  Wendy Byrne, LWVNYC  
                  Kate Doran, LWVNYC  
                  Tom Hillgardun

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

President Vargas announced that the Commissioners will conduct the Hearings on matters relating to Designating Petitions for the June 26, 2018 Federal Office Primary Elections for Representatives in Congress from Congressional Districts located entirely within the City of New York. The Calendar was posted for the public as required.

Mr. Richman called the Calendar for the Hearings.

Mr. Richman called the CRU Prima Facie Report. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the CRU Prima Facie Report on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Richman called the Clerks' Reports for Specifications of Objections for Richmond County. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Clerks' Report on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerks' Report acted upon.

With respect to Specification No. RH 5-1, Secretary Zaccone moved to refer this matter to the New York County District Attorney's Office and the New York State Attorney General's Office. Commissioner Guastella seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman presented two (2) candidate applications from Jineea Butler and Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. requesting how their name should appear on the ballot. Commissioner Umane moved to adopt the two (2) candidate's application requests as submitted. Commissioner Siano seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman reported that there will be no Hearings on Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) Petitions which were initially scheduled for next Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Mr. Richman requested authorization for staff to print Military, Federal, Special, and Absentee Ballots based on Commissioners' determinations made at today's Hearings and the State Board's determinations on May 3, 2018. Secretary Zaccone moved to authorize staff to print the Military, Federal, Special, and Absentee Ballots. President Vargas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman requested authorization to request the New York City Law Department to defend the Board in any proceeding challenging the Commissioners' determinations made at today's Hearing. Commissioner Shamoun moved to authorize the NYC Law Department to defend the Board if necessary. Commissioner Siano seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Vargas adjourned the Hearings and convened the regular stated Commissioners' Meeting.

Commissioner Siano moved to adopt the minutes for the April 17, 2018 meeting. Secretary Zaccone seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman reported that the Queens Office and Bronx Office requested for additional Designations of Polling Places for the period of May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 4-104(1) of the New York State Election Law. Copies of the boroughs' reports were distributed to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Richman reported that the Chief Clerks and Deputy Chief Clerks previously discussed these additional

designations with their respective Borough Commissioners. The additional sites include the following:

- Queens County
  - Queens Library at Lefrak City
- Bronx County
  - Parkchester 1470 Parkchester Road
  - Classic Community Center
  - St. Clare of Assisi School
  - Dreiser Loop Community Room 2, 4, and 9
  - Parkchester North 1515 Metropolitan
  - PS 64 Pura Belpre
  - Preston High School
  - St. Peter the Apostle Greek Church
  - St. John's School
  - 2910 Bronx Park East

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the additional Designation of Polling Places for the period of May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019 as submitted. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that the New York City Council Committee on Governmental Operations Fiscal Year 2019 Executive Budget Hearings are scheduled on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Copies of the Hearing Notice were distributed to the Commissioners. Mr. Ryan requested authorization to prepare testimony and to testify at the Hearing. Commissioner Umame moved to authorize Mr. Ryan to prepare testimony and to testify at the City Council Committee Budget Hearing. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that Election Day Operations proposed a refresher training class for Coordinators and AD Monitors for the June 26, 2018 Primary Election. It would consist of 900 Coordinators and 140 AD Monitors. A total of 675 poll sites will be open on Primary Day. Mr. Ryan noted that refresher training classes have been very helpful for the Election Day process. Commissioner Schulkin moved to approve refresher training classes for Coordinators and AD Monitors as presented. Commissioner Guastella seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Vargas moved to convene an Executive Session for personnel and litigation matters. Commissioner Araujo 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 Stipulation of Settlements, dated April 23, 2018, for employees Deidre McMillon and Regina Mercer, were unanimously approved by the full Board, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth;
- II. Ryan Deahn will be replacing Robert Taylor, as the Assistant Finance Officer, with the outgoing salary, effective May 6, 2018;
- III. The Commissioners granted 210 hours Advance of Time to Brittany Caicedo, an Administrative Associate. Ms. Caicedo's agency start date is May 29, 2015.

Commissioner Umame reminded the Commissioners that the COIB filing deadline is Friday, May 4, 2018.

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

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.