

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Rosanna Vargas
 Secretary John Wm. Zaccone

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

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
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
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Wendy Byrne, LWV NYC
 Kate Doran, LWV NYC
 Katharine Loving, NYC CFB

President Vargas called the meeting to order at 1:36 P.M.

Commissioner Siano moved to adopt the minutes for the May 8, 2018 meeting. President Vargas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that there was a written request to cancel the poll site designation of St. Sebastian Catholic Academy in Queens County. Pursuant to the New York State Election Law, this location was designated as a poll site before May 1st. The Queens Commissioners and Queens Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk reviewed this matter and reported that it is not prudent to change this poll site. On behalf of Queens, Commissioner Araujo recommended for the full Board to deny the request. Commissioner Flateau moved for the full Board to deny the application and for St. Sebastian Catholic Academy to continue to be designated as a poll site. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported on the April 24, 2018 Special Elections in Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx. The information follows:

- A total of 122 poll sites were utilized;
- All poll sites opened on time on Election Day;
- A total of 335 DS-200 scanners were deployed. Two (2) scanners had to be replaced;
- A total of 124 Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) were deployed. There were nine (9) issues which were rectified and no BMDs had to be replaced;

- A total of 44 ADA ramp systems were installed by vendors;
- A total of 16 ADA ramp systems were installed by Board staff along with 230 technical elements;
- A total of 328 tablets were deployed:
 - 244 tablets in the poll sites;
 - 72 tablets in the field;
 - 12 tablets in Police Precincts for Election Night Reporting (ENR);
- There was one (1) Hot Spot per poll site for connectivity. There was 98% connectivity;
- There was a Poll Worker Check-in Pilot Program conducted in Manhattan using ten (10) tablets. Data is still being evaluated. A total of 477 poll workers checked-in on the tablet. The Board will continue to expand Poll Worker Check-in on the tablets. The ultimate goal is to use Poll Worker Check-in to aid with poll worker stand-by pools and to process poll worker payroll without the paper form process;
- There were a total of 1,268 interactions on Election Responder from the tablets. The integration has been successful;
- 31 out of 33 poll sites were able to complete the ADA Checklist electronically on the tablets;

- Ultimately, Coordinator Reports and ADA Reports will be programmed on the tablets;
- A total of 2,744 poll workers were scheduled to work;
- A total of 1,956 poll workers worked and poll worker payroll has been completed. Mr. Ryan noted that sometimes there is a higher poll worker no show rate with smaller elections. The Board will continue to do as much poll worker outreach as possible;
- The Election Night Results were uploaded peak time between 9:10 P.M. – 9:15 P.M. There was a 93% results received rate;
- A total of 333 Portable Marking Devices (PMDs) were deployed and a total of 314 PMDs were returned. Results will be compiled during the post-election canvass process.

In response to Commissioner Flateau, Mr. Ryan explained that Election Responder is an electronic program used on Election Day for the Voting Machine Technician (VMT) staff. It is a dispatching system for any poll site technical issues. The VMT's response and close-out times are recorded electronically. Election Responder used to be a paper based system.

Secretary Zaccone moved to convene an Executive Session for personnel. The motion was seconded, and 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 35 hours Advance of Time to Dante Powell, a Voting Machine Technician in Manhattan, retroactive to May 7, 2018. Mr. Powell's agency start date is August 25, 2013;
- II. The Stipulation of Settlement executed on May 9, 2018 by Lisa Baratta-Cristiani with the Union and Personnel was unanimously approved by the full Board.

Commissioner Schulkin 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 22, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.