

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: Acting President Jose Araujo
 Secretary John Wm. Zaccone

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

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
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications and Public Affairs
Steven Guglielmi, Director, Personnel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Robert A. Stranieri
 John Perez
 Ali Najmi
 Howard Grunbad
 Katharine Loving, NYC CFB
 Wendy Byrne
 Kate Doran, LWV NYC
 Victor Jordan
 Pete Lindner
 John Wan
 Ed H.
 Joan Strasbaugh
 Tirso Pida

Acting President Araujo called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

Secretary Zaccone moved to adopt the minutes for the July 10, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, with Commissioners Araujo, Guastella, and Umane abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Guastella moved to adopt the minutes for the July 17, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, with Secretary Zaccone abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Richman presented the Draft Filing Calendar for Federal Independent Nominating Petitions for the November 2018 General Election. Copies of the Draft Calendar were distributed to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Richman recommended convening the Hearings on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 1:30 P.M. Commissioner Umane moved to adopt the Filing Calendar for Federal Independent Nominating Petitions for the November 2018 General Election as presented. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. The adopted Calendar will be posted on the Board's website and at all Front Counters.

Mr. Richman reported that on June 26, 2018, the Board, pursuant to the New York State Election Law, conducted an Opportunity to Ballot Primary Election for the Reform Party in the 15th Congressional District in Bronx County. On July 10, 2018, the Board certified Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez as the winner of said Primary. In accordance with the New York State Election Law, the Board, by letter dated July 11, 2018, notified Ms. Ocasio-Cortez of that fact and the requirement that she must accept or decline said designation within five (5) days of the date of the mailing of the letter. Otherwise, said nomination be deemed “null and void.” To date, no such acceptance was filed. Mr. Richman recommended that the Commissioners formally declare such nomination null and void for failing to comply with the provisions of Section 6-146(4) of the NYS Election Law. Commissioner Umame moved to declare such nomination null and void for failing to comply with the provisions of Section 6-146(4) of the NYS Election Law. Commissioner Siano seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman presented the Draft Schedule of Hearings on Designating Petitions and Related Matters for July 31, 2018 and August 1, 2018. Copies of the Draft Schedule were circulated to the Commissioners for review. Commissioner Araujo requested to hold a

Commissioners' Ballot Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. After discussion, the Commissioners' Ballot Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. and the Schedule of Hearings on Designating Petitions and Related Matters follows:

- Tuesday, July 31, 2018
 - 11:00 A.M. – Richmond County
 - 12:00 P.M. – Queens County
 - Following the Hearings – Stated Meeting of the Commissioners
- Wednesday, August 1, 2018
 - 10:00 A.M. – Bronx County
 - 11:00 A.M. – Kings County
 - 1:30 P.M. – New York County
 - Call of Deferred Matters (if any)
- Thursday, August 2, 2018
 - To be determined – Continuing, if necessary

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the Schedule of Hearings as amended. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. Commissioner Araujo requested for Mr. Richman to remind the Chief Clerks and Deputy Chief Clerks of the 24 Hour Rule. The

Schedule of Hearings will be posted on the Board's website and at all Front Counters.

Commissioner Flateau inquired who serves on the Commissioners Ballot Committee. It was reported that Commissioners Araujo, Michel, Guastella and Zaccone serve on the Commissioners Ballot Committee.

Mr. Richman requested for the appointment of a Commissioners' Cover Sheet Review Committee for Week # 3 for Designating Petitions for the September 2018 Primary Election. The designated schedule follows:

- Monday, July 30, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.
 - Secretary Zaccone and Commissioner Flateau

Commissioner Guastella requested to discuss a personnel matter in Executive Session.

Acting President Araujo noted that a member of the public requested to speak and will be called after Executive Session.

Acting President Araujo moved to convene an Executive Session for litigation and personnel matters. The motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and Mr. Ryan reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Acting President Araujo recognized Peter Lindner, a member of the public, who raised concerns about being blackmailed by the Carolyn Maloney campaign. Mr. Ryan reminded Mr. Lindner that he already reported this matter to the Commissioners in the past and it is beyond the authority of the Board to take any action.

Acting President Araujo recognized Ali Najmi, Esq., a member of the public, who requested for an extension to file an Amended Cover Sheet. After discussion, Mr. Richman reported that the Board accepts all documents for filing, but it will be marked late in accordance with the New York State Election Law, State Board's Rules, and City Board's Rules.

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

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 immediately following the Hearings on Designating Petitions and related matters.