

HEARINGS ON INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITION MATTERS
AND THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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, Marie R. Guastella, Michael Michel,
Alan Schulkin, 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, Office of the General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel
Joshua Williams, Contract Attorney, Office of the General Counsel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Steven Guglielmi, Director, Personnel
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Rayvon Weaver, Project Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Michael Carmicino, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit
Raquel Torres, Administrative Assistant, Candidate Records Unit
Don Bosco, Chief Clerk, Staten Island Office
Daisy Fernandez, Senior Administrative Assistant, Staten Island Office
Amanda Conacchio, Chief Clerk, Queens Office
Patricia Kelly, Senior Administrative Assistant, Queens Office
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: John Haggerty
 Frank Bolz
 Kate Doran, LWV

President Vargas called the meeting to order at 1:41 P.M.

President Vargas announced that the Commissioners will conduct the Hearings on Independent Petitions and related matters for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

President Vargas stated the procedures to be followed during the Hearings and called upon Mr. Richman to call the Calendar for the Hearings. The Calendar was posted for the public as required.

Mr. Richman requested for a Commissioners Cover Sheet Review Committee to review two (2) items before the Hearings. President Vargas and Secretary Zaccone served as the Commissioners Cover Sheet Review Committee and reviewed the items.

Mr. Richman called the Calendar for the Hearings.

Mr. Richman called the Legal Prima Facie Report. There were no appearances. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Legal Prima Facie Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Moltner called the Candidate Records Unit (CRU) Prima Facie Report. There were no appearances. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the CRU Prima Facie Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Richman called the Clerks' Reports for Specifications of Objections for Richmond County. There were no appearances. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerks' Report acted upon.

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

Commissioner Umane moved to adjourn the Hearings and to convene the regular stated meeting. Secretary Zacccone seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the August 28, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Siano moved to adopt the minutes for the August 21, 2018 meeting. Secretary Zaccone seconded the motion, with Commissioner Araujo abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Ryan provided an update on the September 13, 2018 Primary Election. The information follows:

- A total of 1,229 poll sites will be open;
- A total of 4.1 million voters are eligible to vote;
- A total of 64,093 pieces of equipment will be deployed which includes scanners, Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs), Election District (ED) Supply Carts, Privacy Booths, tables, and chairs;
- A total of 479 poll sites citywide will require a temporary ADA ramp system:
 - 364 ADA ramps will be installed by multiple ramp vendors;
 - 115 ADA ramps will be installed by Board staff;

- A total of 686 pieces of ADA equipment will be installed for cane detectable elements at various poll sites for the sight impaired;
- A total of 2,973 tablets will be deployed citywide:
 - 2 tablets with 1 Hot Spot per poll site;
 - 2 tablets per Police Precinct;
 - The Ramp Unit has been incorporated to use tablets to keep track of any ramp issues;
- Approximately 80% of poll worker vacancies have been filled to date. Poll Workers and Stand-by Pools will continue to be assigned by the Borough Office staff until Election Day. There will be a sufficient amount of poll workers to work this election cycle.

Secretary Zaccone noted that next week is Rosh Hashanah as well as the Primary Election. There was a consensus among the Commissioners to schedule the next meeting in two (2) weeks. The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.

President Vargas moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Zaccone seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.