

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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, Simon Shamoun, 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
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Steven Guglielmi, Director, Personnel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Robert Cacy
Kate Doran, LWV
Katharine Loving, NYC CFB
Wendy Byrne, LWV NYC
Amanda Melillo, NYC CFB
Nancy Sliwa, Reform Party
Frank Morano, Reform Party
Gwynne H., WNYC

President Vargas called the meeting to order at 1:42 P.M.

Mr. Ryan requested to add an Executive Session to the agenda for litigation.

Commissioner Umame requested to add a personnel matter for Executive Session.

President Vargas added an Executive Session to the agenda for litigation and personnel matters.

Secretary Zaccone moved to adopt the minutes for the October 16, 2018 meeting. President Vargas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported on a Richmond County Surrogate Judge Reform Party candidate matter. There was litigation and removal of Supreme Court Democratic candidates Anthony Catalano and Orlando Marrazzo in Richmond County. There was questioning if candidate Anthony Catalano would remain on the Reform Party line as Surrogate Judge, or if the Certificate of Substitution and Acceptance filed by candidate Ronald P. Castorina was valid. Mr. Ryan reported there was

an informal conference call conducted with the Commissioners and the Commissioners' informal vote is required to be ratified in public session. Board staff had recommended accepting the Certificate of Substitution and Acceptance filed by candidate Ronald P. Castorina as valid for Surrogate Judge on the Reform Party line. There was an informal vote of nine (9) in favor and one (1) abstention to adopt staff's recommendation. Secretary Zaccone moved for the full Board to ratify the Commissioners' recommendation. President Vargas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan requested to schedule a holiday for staff in lieu of the November 6, 2018 General Election, pursuant to the contract with CWA Local 1183. He recalled that in previous years the day after Thanksgiving was approved as a holiday, and requested approval from the Commissioners to schedule Friday, November 23, 2018. Commissioner Araujo moved to approve Friday, November 23, 2018 as a holiday based on past practice which is pursuant to the contract with CWA Local 1183. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Vargas recognized Robert C. Cacy, a member of the public, who challenged the voter registration of Lein Lynon, 68 Bradhurst Ave, Apt. 2C, New York, NY 10039, D.O.B. 10/19/1993, VSN # 412648534. Mr. Cacy reported that he has been receiving voter mail for Lein Lynon at his address. He explained that he has owned his home at 68 Bradhurst Ave, PH – 2C, since new construction in 2007 and there has been neither an Apt. 2C nor anyone living in his building by that name. The Commissioners reviewed the voter registration of Lein Lynon. Mr. Richman noted that there is no voter history. Mr. Cacy submitted copies of Lein Lynon’s voter mail to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Cacy signed and submitted his “Challenge to a Voter Registration” affidavit to the Commissioners. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5-220(1) of the New York State Election Law, Mr. Cacy swore before the Commissioners challenging the voter registration of Lein Lynon, 68 Bradhurst Avenue, Apt. 2C, New York, NY 10039, D.O.B. 10/19/1993, VSN # 412648534. This voter will be placed on the Challenge List in accordance with Section 5-220(2) of the New York State Election Law. A bi-partisan team will conduct the required inquiry into this challenge pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the New York State Election Law.

President Vargas recognized Frank Morano, a representative of the Reform Party, who requested for the Board to redesign the General Election ballot's wraparound style by moving the Reform Party candidate before the Libertarian Party and SAM Party candidates. In response to the request, Commissioners and staff stated that the General Election ballots were designed in accordance with the law and are already printed.

Secretary Zaccone moved to convene Executive Session for personnel and litigation matters. President Vargas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and Mr. Ryan reported the following action taken in Executive Session:

- I. The Commissioners granted 70 hours Advance of Time to William Rodriguez-Badger, a Trainer Assistant in the Manhattan Office, effective October 29, 2018. Mr. Rodriguez-Badger's agency start date is June 11, 2006.

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

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