

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING 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. Umame

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

GUEST:       Hope Guyre, Gothamist  
                  Courtney Gross, NY1  
                  Zoe Slemmans, NY1  
                  W. Newman, NY1  
                  Wendy Byrne, LWV NYC  
                  Katharine Loving, NYC CFB  
                  K. Garrity, CFB  
                  A. Melillo, CFB

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

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the October 30, 2018 meeting. Secretary Zaccone seconded the motion, with Commissioner Guastella abstaining. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Board received notice that the New York State Assembly Committee on Election Law will be holding a hearing on November 15, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. The purpose is to examine ways to improve access to voting, including early voting and no-excuse absentee voting, and the impact of such proposals on the State and Local budgets. Mr. Richman requested authorization for staff to attend the hearing and to provide factual information. Commissioner Schulkin moved for staff to attend and provide testimony at the hearing. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Board received notice that the New York City Council Committee on Government Operations jointly with the Committee on Oversight and Investigations will be holding a hearing on November 20, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. The agenda has not been issued; upon receipt it will be forwarded to the Commissioners. Mr. Ryan requested authorization for staff to attend the hearing and to provide testimony.

Commissioner Schulkin moved to authorize staff to attend the hearing and to provide testimony. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Schulkin requested to make a brief statement. He stated that there has been a lot of negative press about the Board and its Executive Director and he is very upset about it. He stated that Mr. Ryan is very knowledgeable on how to run elections in New York City.

Mr. Richman reported on a litigation matter. An Order to Show Cause was presented this morning in Kings County Supreme Court in the matter of Golden V. BOE regarding the canvass of the 22<sup>nd</sup> State Senate District. After oral argument, the court granted relief for the provision of maintaining ballots for judicial review under the King V. Smith case, and granted permission for the two (2) counsels from Albany, representing the candidates, permission to participate fully in the canvass even though they are not eligible voters in the City of New York. The Order is returnable next Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

Commissioner Flateau inquired about the Board's certification date for the November 6, 2018 General Election. Mr. Richman reported that the election has to be certified twenty-five (25) days after the election is held in accordance with the law. The Board is scheduled to certify on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

President Vargas noted that Mr. Savino joined the meeting.

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

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.