

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President John Wm. Zaccone
 Secretary Patricia Anne Taylor

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Miguelina Camilo, Michael Michel, Simon Shamoun, Robert Siano, Tiffany Townsend, Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Michael Bryant, Contract Attorney, 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: Kate Doran, LWV
 Wendy Byrne, LWV
 Katharine Loving, CFB

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

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the April 2, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Camilo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that he received communication from the New York City Council Committee on Governmental Operations concerning an Oversight Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. The Hearing concerns Early Voting implementation and poll site interpretation in NYC, Int.1282, in relation to the voter assistance advisory committee providing poll site interpreters in all designated citywide languages. Copies of the City Council's notice were circulated to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Ryan requested for the Commissioners to permit attendance and provide Testimony at the Hearing. There was a consensus among the Commissioners to seek the opinion of the attorneys concerning translation with the ongoing litigation for Testimony. Draft Testimony will be circulated to the Commissioners in advance of the Hearing. Commissioner Umame moved to approve Mr. Ryan's request to attend and provide Testimony at the New York City Council Committee on Governmental Operations Oversight Hearing. President Zaccone seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

On behalf of the Candidate Records Unit, Mr. Richman presented the Draft Notice to All Candidates for the May 14, 2019 Special Election. Copies of the draft Notice were circulated to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Richman reported that the Counsel's Office reviewed the Notice and it meets all legal requirements. Commissioner Shamoun moved to adopt the Notice to All Candidates for the May 14, 2019 Special Election as submitted. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman requested for the appointment of Commissioners' Cover Sheet Review Committee Meetings for Week # 2 for Designating Petitions for the June 25, 2019 Primary Election. The designated schedule follows:

- Tuesday, April 9, 2019, immediately following Comm. Mtg.
 - Secretary Taylor and Commissioner Umame
- Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 12 Noon
 - Commissioner Araujo and Commissioner Michel
- Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 12 Noon
 - Commissioner Araujo and Commissioner Michel
- Monday, April 15, 2019 at 12 Noon
 - President Zaccone and Commissioner Camilo
- Tuesday, April 16, 2019, immediately following Comm. Mtg.

- Secretary Taylor and Commissioner Shamoun

Public notice will be posted on the Board's website and Front Counters.

President Zaccone reported that there is a personnel matter for Executive Session.

Commissioner Shamoun inquired if last week's issue of a name of independent body for the May 14, 2019 Special Election, 45th Council District, which exceeded character limitation and created the possibility of confusion, has been resolved. Mr. Richman confirmed that the matter was resolved in a timely fashion.

President Zaccone recalled that the Board is in the process of exploring Ballot on Demand (BOD) delivery systems for Early Voting and there were demonstrations of machines by ES&S and Dominion at the previous meeting. President Zaccone requested for clarification from the State Board inquiring if the Dominion and ES&S systems need approval or not in its present form. For the BOD machine selection process, Commissioner Umare requested for Executive Management to create evaluation tools for the Commissioners such as written guidelines, an analytical Pros and Cons list of the vendors' machines based on the

Board's needs, and detailed specifications of the machines from the vendors. It was also recommended for Executive Management and staff to research consumer reports and other jurisdictions' evaluations and reviews on Early Voting machines. The Commissioners will make a valid determination of an Early Voting system based on the support criteria.

Mr. Ryan reported that there may be State legislation with respect to eliminating the requirement of stubs and/or perforation on ballots with a different type of ballot accountability process at the Early Voting and Election Day poll sites.

President Zaccone recognized Kate Doran, a member of the public, who inquired about Early Voting sites.

Commissioner Michel moved to convene an Executive Session for personnel matters. Commissioner Siano seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and President Zaccone reported that actions were taken on personnel matters and will be reported at a later date.

The following actions were taken by the unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners in Executive Session on April 9, 2019:

- I. Raquel Torres, an Administrative Assistant, was granted 21 hours of an Advance of Time. This grant is retroactive from April 2, 2019. Commissioner Araujo recused himself from this vote and was not present in the room during this vote;
- II. The Commissioners ratified the Stipulation of Settlement signed by Robert Holt, Administrative Associate, on March 29, 2019;
- III. The Commissioners ratified the Stipulation of Settlement signed by Mario Baskin, Administrative Assistant, on March 29, 2019.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.