

HEARINGS ON DESIGNATING PETITIONS AND RELATED MATTERS  
FOR THE JUNE 25, 2019 PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND THE  
MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 AT 9:30 A .M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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PRESENT:           President John Wm. Zaccone  
                      Secretary Patricia Anne Taylor

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

Steven H. Richman, General Counsel  
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel  
Michael Bryant, Contract Attorney, Office of the General Counsel  
Travis Grodin, Contract Attorney, Office of the General Counsel  
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs  
Steven Guglielmi, Director, Personnel Department  
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit  
Rayvon Weaver, Project Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit  
Michael Carmicino, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit  
Matthew Graves, Project Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit  
Raquel Torres, Administrative Assistant, Candidate Records Unit  
Anthony Ribustello, Deputy Chief Clerk, Bronx Office  
Lissette Poll, Administrative Associate, Bronx Office  
Raymond Riley, Chief Clerk, Brooklyn Office  
Daniel Ortiz, Deputy Chief Clerk, Brooklyn Office  
Don Bosco, Chief Clerk, Staten Island Office  
Anthony Andriulli, Deputy Chief Clerk, Staten Island Office  
Gregory Lehman, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office  
Cynthia Doty, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: John Ciampoli, Esq.  
Rachel Weissberger  
Katharine Loving, NYC CFB  
Wendy Byrne, NYC LWV  
Linda Lyons  
Keeki McCarthy  
Jean H. Similien  
Steiner  
L.M.  
Victor Jordan  
Michael Farrin  
Tamika Mapp  
Storobin  
Daniel Sloan  
Christopher Travis  
Zach Borodkin  
Kate Doran, NYC LWV  
Courtney Gross, NY1  
Michael Fernandez  
Jonathan N., MOPD  
Walei Sabry  
Stephen Wagner  
Bill Cortez  
Martin E. Connor  
John Ruiz  
Marlou Ruiz  
Caridad Sander  
Ayrini Sabune, City Hall  
Laura Wood, City Hall  
Nicole Miglione, City Hall  
Amanda Gomez  
Julie Kerr, Brooklyn Voters Alliance  
Eddie Cuesta, Dominicanos USA  
Harry Rodriguez  
Robert Bottfield  
Leo Glickman  
Arthur Greig  
Maureen Remallie  
Hilda Solomon  
LaShawn Henry  
Elaine Shulman

Mary Brodsky  
Earnestine Temple  
Elaine Hazzard  
Kurt Williams  
Earl Scott  
Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee  
Elaine Hamilton  
Jeffrey Siegel  
Arthur Schwartz  
Michael Farrin  
Raul Reyes  
Alan Handell  
Susan Russell  
J. Sink  
Jason Cruz  
Joann Lanson  
Dawn Sanders

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President Zaccone called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

President Zaccone announced that the Commissioners will be conducting the Hearings on challenges to Designating Petitions for Public Offices as well as Party Positions to be contested in the June 25, 2019 Primary Elections.

President Zaccone 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 called the Legal Prima Facie Report for Citywide Primaries. There were no appearances. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Report on file at the Board.

President Zaccone recessed the Hearings for twenty (20) minutes.

Following recess, the Hearings reconvened at 10:00 A.M. in accordance with the Schedule of Hearings.

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

Ms. Brown called the Candidate Enrollment Issues Report for Bronx County. There were no appearances. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Report on file at the Board.

President Zaccone recessed the Hearings for fifteen (15) minutes.

Following recess, the Hearings reconvened at 10:30 A.M. in accordance with the Schedule of Hearings.

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

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

Ms. Torres called the Candidate Enrollment Issues Report for Kings County. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Report on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Richman called the Counsel's Report on the Specification of Objections KG59-1, Objections of Lucretia-Regina-Potter to the petition filed on behalf of Candidate Daniel J. Slavin for Member of the Republican

State Committee. The Commissioners' determination is reflected on the Counsel's Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Richman called the Clerks' Reports for Kings County. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Clerks' Reports on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerks' Report acted upon.

Commissioner Araujo moved to direct staff to immediately commence the preparation and distribution of Absentee, Military and Special Ballots for the June 25, 2019 Primary Election, based upon the actions taken to date, today, and taken tomorrow, by the Commissioners both in either a duly constituted Commissioners' Committee and by the full Board. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Araujo moved that in the event any judicial proceeding is commenced challenging any action taken by the full Board of Commissioners or a duly constituted Committee thereof regarding petitions, cover sheets, and all matters relating to the candidates appearing on the

ballot for the June 25, 2019 Primary Elections the staff is directed to immediately request that the New York City Law Department represent the Board and/or the Commissioners and staff in such proceeding, defend the Board's actions, oppose any relief sought, as well as any appeals relating thereto. President Zaccone seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Zaccone recessed the Hearings until 1:30 P.M. in accordance with the Schedule of Hearings.

Following recess, President Zaccone convened the regular stated meeting of the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York at 1:30 P.M.

President Zaccone noted that Commissioners Camilo and Shamoun left the meeting.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the minutes for the April 16, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Siano requested to discuss a personnel matter in Executive Session. It was noted that this matter is not time sensitive. President Zaccone reported that this personnel matter will be addressed at the next meeting due to the Schedule of Hearings.

President Zaccone 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 30, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.

President Zaccone reconvened the Hearings.

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

Ms. Torres called the Candidate Enrollment Issues Report for Richmond County. There was an appearance by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Report on file at the Board. The

Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Bosco and Mr. Andriulli submitted a Rule H-12 Report for Specifications of Objections for Richmond County. Copies of the Rule H-12 Report were distributed to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Bosco provided a summary of the Report. The Commissioners unanimously affirmed the Richmond County Commissioners' Committee Rule H-12 Report as presented.

President Zaccone noted that Commissioner Araujo left the meeting.

Mr. Richman called the Clerks' Reports for Richmond County. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Clerks' Reports on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerks' Report acted upon.

President Zaccone recessed the Hearings until 3:30 P.M. and reconvened the regular stated Meeting of the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York.

President Zaccone recognized Ayrini Fonseca-Sabune, the Chief Democracy Officer of Democracy NYC, who provided a statement about Early Voting.

President Zaccone recognized Zach Borodkin, a member of the public, who spoke about disability accommodations in poll sites.

President Zaccone moved to adjourn the reconvened stated Meeting of the Commissioners. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Zaccone recessed the Hearings until 3:30 P.M. in accordance with the Schedule of Hearings.

President Zaccone stated the procedures to be followed during the Hearings and called upon Mr. Richman to call the Calendar for the Hearings.

Mr. Richman called the Legal Prima Facie Report for New York County. There was an appearance by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Report on file at the Board. The

Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Moltner called the Candidate Records Unit (CRU) Prima Facie Report for New York County. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Report on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Report on file at the Board.

Ms. Torres called the Candidate Enrollment Issues Report for New York County. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Report on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on the Report on file at the Board.

Mr. Lehman and Ms. Doty submitted a Rule H-12 Report for Specifications of Objections for New York County. Copies of the Rule H-12 Report were distributed to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Lehman provided a summary of the Report. The Commissioners unanimously affirmed New York County's Commissioners' Committee Rule H-12 Report as presented.

Mr. Moltner called the Clerks' Reports for New York County. In selected instances, there were appearances by a candidate and/or their representative which is noted on the Clerks' Reports on file at the Board. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Clerks' Report acted upon.

President Zaccone called all matters that were placed on second call. The Commissioners' determinations are reflected on each Report which are on file at the Board.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adjourn the Hearings. President Zaccone seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The Hearings on Designating Petitions and related matters will continue on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.