

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 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, John Flateau,
Michael Michel, Simon Shamoun, Robert Siano, Tiffany Townsend,
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
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: Wendy Byrne, NYC LWV
 Katharine Loving, CFB
 Angelene Sepulveda, Mayor's Office
 K. Garrity, CFB
 Bonnie Nelson, Brooklyn Voters Alliance
 Julie Kerr, Brooklyn Voters Alliance
 Jarret Berg, VENY
 Brigid Bergin, WNYC
 Courtney Gross, NY1
 Robert Nelson
 Jan Pomsopano, Brooklyn Voters Alliance
 Kate Doran, LWV

President Zaccone called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

President Zaccone reported that Executive Management and staff are engaged at the New York City Council Hearing and are expected to arrive shortly.

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

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and President Zaccone reported that there was a report on litigation and no action was taken. Action was taken on one (1) personnel matter which will be reported at a later date.

The following personnel action was taken by the unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners in Executive Session on April 30, 2019:

- I. Norma Saunders, a Trainer Assistant, was granted 140 hours of an Advance of Time. This grant is effective April 18, 2019.

President Zaccone noted that Mr. Ryan, Ms. Sandow, Ms. Perkins, Ms. Kontzamanis, Mr. Richman, Mr. Savino and Ms. Vazquez have joined the meeting.

Mr. Ryan reported on the designation of Early Voting poll sites and related matters for the November 5, 2019 General Election. Mr. Richman recalled that the New York State Legislature and Governor enacted into law Early Voting provisions and Chapter 6 of the Laws of 2019. According to the law, the Board must designate Early Voting poll sites on or before May 1st for the November 5, 2019 General Election as well as the voting hours within the statutory timeframe during the Early Voting period, and to determine if Early Voting will be on a regional or countywide basis.

President Zaccone recommended Early Voting on a regional basis due to the voting equipment, materials and established procedures that are currently available at the Board. President Zaccone moved to adopt Early Voting on a regional basis, designating specific Election Districts to specific poll sites, for the November 5, 2019 General Election. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan recommended the following hours of operation schedule for the Early Voting period for the November 5, 2019 General Election, which exceeds the statutory requirement:

- Weekends
 - 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
 - Saturday, October 26, 2019
 - Sunday, October 27, 2019
 - Saturday, November 2, 2019
 - Sunday, November 3, 2019
- Weekdays (Polls are required to open early at least 1 day and polls are required to be open late at least 2 days)
 - 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
 - Monday, October 28, 2019
 - Tuesday, October 29, 2019
 - Wednesday, October 30, 2019
 - 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
 - Thursday, October 31, 2019
 - Friday, November 1, 2019

It was noted that this proposed schedule was developed based on information received from other jurisdictions that conduct Early Voting. President Zaccone moved to adopt the recommended hours of operation schedule for the Early Voting period for the November 5, 2019 General Election as presented. Secretary Taylor seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that staff has identified a total of 38 Early Voting poll sites to date. It was noted that this preliminary list of poll sites is a foundation and a work in progress. Mr. Ryan recommended for the Commissioners to designate the following Early Voting poll sites for the November 5, 2019 General Election:

- Bronx
 1. Holy Rosary Church
 2. St. Anthony's Church
 3. Monroe College
 4. Bronx Supreme County Courthouse
 5. Mitchell Community Center
 6. Bronx River Community Center
 7. St. Frances de Chantal Church

- Brooklyn
 1. Urban Assembly School for Law & Justice
 2. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 3. Canarsie High School
 4. James Madison High School
 5. Brooklyn College Roosevelt Hall
 6. Bushwick Campus
 7. Van Dyke Community Center
 8. Coney Island YMCA
 9. Medgar Evers College
 10. New Utrecht High School

- Manhattan
 1. George Washington High School
 2. Columbia University
 3. West Side High School
 4. John Jay College of Criminal Justice
 5. Borough of Manhattan Community College
 6. Park Avenue Armory
 7. Jackie Robinson Complex

- Queens
 1. Al Oerter Recreation Center
 2. LaGuardia Community College
 3. Queens Borough Hall
 4. BOE Queens Voting Machine Facility Annex
 5. Resorts World Casino at Aqueduct Racetrack
 6. Rockaway YMCA at Averne by the Sea
 7. York College

- Staten Island
 1. St. Charles School
 2. St. Peters St. Paul School
 3. CYO-MIV Community Center
 4. St. Adalbert's Church
 5. College of Staten Island
 6. Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex
 7. I.S. 24

Mr. Ryan noted that this preliminary list exceeds the statutory minimum and can be extended at a later date. The list of Early Voting poll sites will be sent to the New York State Board of Elections and will be posted on the Board's website for the public. Secretary Taylor moved to designate the Early Voting poll sites for the November 5, 2019 General Election as presented. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

For informational purposes, Mr. Ryan reported that he forwarded an email to the Commissioners on April 25, 2019 regarding Local Law 238 and attached the conflicting opinions received from the New York State Board of Elections concerning the legality of Intro 508-A, now Local Law 238.

This item will be on next week's Commissioners' Agenda for discussion and recommendation. In response to President Zaccone's request, Mr. Ryan provided a brief overview of the matter. Intro 508-A became Local Law 238 in December 2017 regarding the establishment of the New York City Campaign Finance Board (CFB) as an entity to establish an online voter registration portal allowing for electronic signatures. Prior to the passage of Intro 508-A, the City Board sent a letter to the State Board in December 2017 and received conflicting opinions of the legality of Intro 508-A (Local Law 238). In January 2019, the Board received a letter from the CFB. The City Board sent a subsequent letter to the State Board in March 2019 for clarification and again received conflicting opinions of the legality of Intro 508-A (Local Law 238). The projected implementation date of CFB's online portal is scheduled for June 16, 2019 and the City Board has to make a determination of how to proceed.

President Zaccone recognized Jarret Berg, a representative of Vote Early New York, who spoke about collaborating with the Board on the implementation of Early Voting.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Townsend seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.