

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019 AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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PRESENT: Secretary Patricia Anne Taylor

Commissioners Miguelina Camilo, John Flateau, Tiffany Townsend, 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  
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel  
Steven Guglielmi, Director, Personnel  
Sherwin Suss, Agency Chief Contract Officer, Procurement  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Maureen Haggerty  
Ilya Schwartzburg, Manhattan Libertarian Party  
Gordon Heiser  
Cortney Nathanson, PS 116  
Stephanie Trilling, PS 33  
Brigid Bergin, WNYC  
Howard Leavitt  
Bonnie Nelson, BVA  
Perry Grossman, NYCLU  
Jan Combopiano, Brooklyn Voters Alliance  
Nisha Agorwal  
Julie Kerr, Brooklyn Voters Alliance  
Eve Grassfield  
Rasheda Charles  
Catherine Gray, LWV NYC

In the absence of President Zaccone, Secretary Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:41 P.M.

Commissioner Umane moved to table the minutes from the October 15, 2019 meeting due to a lack of quorum. The motion was seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Flateau moved to adopt the minutes from the October 22, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Camilo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan provided a preliminary update on Early Voting and the November 5, 2019 General Election. Mr. Ryan reported that it was a successful election. Approximately 725,000 New Yorkers turned out for the election and 60,000 turned out during the Early Voting election event. Mr. Ryan will provide additional information when the election is certified.

Mr. Ryan requested for the full Board of Commissioners to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to close the agency on Friday,

November 29, 2019, the day after Thanksgiving, in lieu of the November 5, 2019 General Election, which is pursuant to the contract with CWA Union Local 1183. Commissioner Umame moved to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to close the agency on Friday, November 29, 2019, in lieu of the November 5, 2019 General Election, pursuant to the contract with CWA Union Local 1183. Commissioner Townsend seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that Executive Management received notice to testify at the New York City Council Committee on Governmental Operations Oversight Hearing concerning NYC's Early Voting Rollout scheduled on Monday, November 25, 2019. Mr. Ryan requested authorization from the Commissioners for Executive Management to attend and to prepare Testimony for the Hearing. Commissioner Umame moved to authorize Executive Management to attend and to prepare testimony for the New York City Council's Hearing. Commissioner Flateau seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported that Executive Management received notice to testify at the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly Public Hearing to discuss the implementation of Early Voting throughout New York

State scheduled on Wednesday, November 20, 2019. Mr. Ryan requested authorization from the Commissioners to attend and to prepare Testimony for the Hearing. Commissioner Umane moved to authorize Executive Management to attend and to prepare testimony for the New York State and New York Assembly Public Hearing. Commissioner Shamoun seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan requested to table Item #3 concerning the overview of upcoming Board contracts for one (1) week. Commissioner Umane moved to table Item #3 for one (1) week. Commissioner Townsend seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

There was consent among the Commissioners to remove Executive Session from the agenda.

Secretary Taylor recognized the following speakers for public comment:

1. Maureen Haggerty;
2. Stephanie Trilling;
3. Cortney Nathansen;
4. Howard Leavitt;

5. Perry Grossman;
6. Ilya Schwartzburg;
7. Gordon Heiser;
8. Jan Compobiano;
9. Rashida Charles; and
10. Jarret Berg.

Secretary Taylor recognized Maureen Haggerty, a member of the public, who challenged the voter registration of Mickaylia Forrest, 958 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228, VSN #413500816. Ms. Haggerty reported that her family has been the owner of the building for over 50 years and this voter has never lived in her building. Ms. Haggerty claimed that she has been receiving voter mail for Ms. Forrest. The Commissioners reviewed all relevant documents submitted by Ms. Haggerty. After review, Ms. Haggerty signed and submitted a “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, Ms. Haggerty swore before the Commissioners challenging the voter registration of Mickaylia Forrest. 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 in the Brooklyn Office will conduct the

required inquiry into this challenge pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the New York State Election Law.

Secretary Taylor recognized Howard Leavitt, a member of the public, who challenged the voter registration of Mathew J. Vignola, 520 East 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 3J, New York, NY 10028, VSN #301845153. Mr. Leavitt reported that he has lived at his address for over 20 years and this voter has never lived at his address. The Commissioners reviewed all relevant documents submitted by Mr. Leavitt. After review, Mr. Leavitt signed and submitted a “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. Leavitt swore before the Commissioners challenging the voter registration of Mathew J. Vignola. 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 in the Manhattan Office will conduct the required inquiry into this challenge pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the New York State Election Law.

Secretary Taylor recognized Gordon Heiser, a member of the public, who challenged the voter registration of Angela Maria Edte, 85-87 150 Street, Jamaica, NY 11435, VSN # 30110339. Mr. Heiser

reported that Angela Maria Edte is a former tenant who moved permanently back to Germany in 2011 and is now deceased. The Commissioners reviewed all relevant documents submitted by Mr. Heiser. After review, Mr. Heiser signed and submitted a “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. Heiser swore before the Commissioners challenging the voter registration of Angela Maria Edte. 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 in the Queens Office will conduct the required inquiry into this challenge pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the New York State Election Law.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.

Commissioner Umame moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Camilo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.