

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Rodney L. Pepe-Souvenir
 Secretary Simon Shamoun

Commissioners Jose Miguel Araujo, Michael J. Coppotelli, Jenny Low,
Jodi Morales, Gino A. Marmorato, Keith Sullivan, Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Wilma Brown Phillips, Administrative Manager
Hemalee J. Patel, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Kate Doran, LWV
 Katherine Loving, CFB

President Pepe-Souvenir called the meeting to order at 1:38 P.M.

Mr. Ryan noted that this is the first meeting in two (2) years that is open to the public due to the pandemic, and welcomed the members of the public.

Mr. Ryan made the following announcements:

- There will be a Special Election in the 58th Assembly District in Brooklyn. Assembly Member Nick Perry has resigned because was appointed as the Ambassador to Jamaica. This will be the 5th Special Election since January 2022, and the 3rd Special Election in Brooklyn;
- Early Voting started on Saturday, March 12, 2022 and runs through Sunday, March 20, 2022 for the Tuesday, March 22, 2022 Special Election in the 43rd Assembly District in Brooklyn;
- As of 12 noon today, there were a total of 63 Early Voters. Since last Saturday, March 12, 2022, there were a total of 1,139 Early Voters;
- There were no requests for Accessible Ballots;
- The delivery of Election Day voting equipment starts tomorrow. There are a total of 24 Election Day poll sites; and
- Early Voting sites and hours can be found on the Board's website at vote.nyc or by calling the Board's Phone Bank at 1-866-VOTE-NYC.

President Pepe-Souvenir moved to adopt the March 8, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Morales seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Ms. Patel presented the designation of polling places for the period of March 15, 2022 through March 14, 2022, pursuant to Section 4-104 of the New York State Election Law. Copies of the five (5) boroughs' 2022 – 2023 Poll Site Designation Reports were previously circulated to the Commissioners for review. The borough Commissioners' Committees have previously approved their borough's 2022 – 2023 Poll Site Designation Report in consultation with their Borough Office Chief Clerks and Deputy Chief Clerks. Ms. Patel previously circulated the Resolution of the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York 2022 – 2023 Designation of Polling Places and requested for full Board approval of the five (5) boroughs' Poll Site Designation Reports as submitted. Commissioner Coppotelli recalled that he recused himself from all involvement in the selection of poll sites, including location, lease terms and compensation, on the property of the Archdiocese of New York, including and not limited to at the borough level. He has not and will not participate in the consideration, discussion or selection thereof, given his other role at his full time job and had designated Secretary Shamoun as the alternate Republican Commissioner. A memo outlining the sites has been forward to Executive

Management. Commissioner Umame moved to adopt the Resolution of the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York 2022 – 2023 Designation of Polling Places. President Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan noted that the Board’s General Counsel Hemalee Patel was listed as an influential lawyer in the “2022 Law Power 100” in City & State. The Commissioners congratulated Ms. Patel. President Pepe-Souvenir thanked Ms. Patel for all of the hard work that she has done for the Board this past year.

Mr. Ryan reported that the Board received formal notice to provide Testimony for the New York City Council Committee on Governmental Operations Preliminary Budget and Oversight Hearing on March 22, 2022 at 12:00 Noon. Commissioner Umame moved for the Board to provide Testimony at the New York City Council Committee on Governmental Operations Preliminary Budget and Oversight Hearing on March 22, 2022. President Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. Commissioner Umame requested to review any additional funding being requested. Mr. Ryan will circulate the Draft Testimony to the Commissioners in advance of the Hearing for their review.

President Pepe-Souvenir moved to convene an Executive Session for personnel and litigation matters. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

The following action was taken in Executive Session by the decision of the Board of Commissioners:

- I. Stephen M. Evans III, has been appointed as the Manhattan Borough Chief Clerk. The approved start date is March 20, 2022, at the incoming salary of \$142,929.00.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.

