

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 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,
Gino A. Marmorato, Jodi Morales, Keith Sullivan, Patricia Anne Taylor, 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: Bernard Harrigan, Candidate
Everly Brown, Candidate
Rene Hill, Candidate
Elliot Quinones, Candidate
Garth Marchant

Mr. Ryan opened the meeting, and added the following items to the meeting

Agenda:

- Item #4 – The approval of Early Voting Hours for the May 24, 2022
Special Election, in the 58th Assembly District in Kings County;

- Item #3b. – Personnel Matters

Commissioner Umame moved to adopt the minutes of the May 5, 2022 Commissioners Meeting. President Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan announced that Early Voting for the May 24, 2022 Special Election, in the 58th Assembly District, in Kings County, begins on Saturday, May 14, 2022 through Sunday, May 22, 2022. Mr. Ryan further noted that this is the fifth Election that the Board has conducted since the 1st of the Year.

The dates and hours for Early Voting in the 58th Assembly District, are as follows:

Saturday	May 14, 2022	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sunday	May 15, 2022	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Monday	May 16, 2022	12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Tuesday	May 17, 2022	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Wednesday	May 18, 2022	12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Thursday	May 19, 2022	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Friday	May 20, 2022	7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday	May 21, 2022	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The hours and locations of the Early Voting Poll Sites for the 58th Assembly District Special Election, can be found on the Board's website, at www.vote.nyc .

In regards to the June 28, 2022 Primary Elections, the Election will be conducted for all seats except United States Congress and State Senate. The ballots have been drafted and submitted to the Commissioners for review and approval. The deadline to transmit Military and UOCAVA Ballots is Friday, May 13, 2022.

The Primary Election ballots are printed on one sheet of paper, and 19 inches in length, except for Richmond County, where the ballots will be 14 inches in length. All Candidates' names have been printed with a 12 point font.

The order of the Candidates was chosen by Random Draw, which was previously conducted on Friday, April 29, 2022 for all City Offices.

In the Bronx and Richmond Counties, the ballots are printed one-sided. The remaining three ballots for Manhattan, Kings and Queens Counties, the ballots are printed on both sides of a single sheet of paper. The Party Positions for Delegate

and Alternate Delegate, have been printed on the second side of the ballot in those Counties.

Mr. Ryan requested the Commissioners approval to move forward with the ballots, in order to meet the statutory requirements to mail all Military and UOCAVA Ballots on Friday, May 13, 2022.

Secretary Shamoun inquired about the current ballot layout, noting that in previous years the lines around the contests were bolded which made the ballot more visually aesthetic to the voter.

Mr. Sattie confirmed that if the current ballot layout was modified to include these changes, the Board would still meet all statutory requirements.

Commissioner Umane inquired about the ballot order for the Governors' race. Mr. Sattie informed the Commissioners Committee that the ballot order for this race was created based on the order of the candidate's list provided by the New York State Board of Elections on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Commissioner Araujo Moved to adopt the ballot with changes to the layout to include the bolded lines and the staggering of the contests. President Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan announced that the Early Voting Hours have been updated to meet the new statutory requirements of the “Make Voting Easy Act” that went into effect on Friday, April 1, 2022. Weekend hours for Early Voting will be increased to eight hours per day, instead of the previous five hours.

A special note for the upcoming June 28, 2022 Primary Election. Mr. Ryan announced that the Early Voting hours for Monday, June 20, 2022 is also the observed holiday for Juneteenth, and the statute mandates that the Board follow the weekend hours for Early Voting. Mr. Ryan further noted that the hours have been approved by the Borough Chief and Deputy Chief Clerks, and requested that the Commissioners Committee approve the hours which were provided to them prior to today’s meeting.

Early Voting Hours will consist of seventy-six hours over the course of nine days.

Commissioner Araujo moved to approve the Early Voting Hours, and requested that the Board's website be updated to reflect the modified hours and locations once ratified. President Pepe-Souvenir seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan announced that there are three members from the Public in attendance, who wish to address the Commissioners Committee regarding certain aspects of the Board's petition filing rules.

The following members of the public were recognized, and given the opportunity to address the Commissioners Committee:

- Bernard Harrigan
- Rene Hill
- Elliot Quinones
- Garth Marchant

Mr. Ryan addressed the individuals and advised that the Board's petition filing and hearing process has concluded, and issues regarding the process should be addressed with the General Counsel after the regularly stated meeting. Any issues regarding their candidacy, should be addressed with the New York State Unified Court System.

President Pepe-Souvenir addressed the Commissioners Committee regarding an issue where a Board employee was placed on a petition as a County Committee candidate, without prior knowledge or approval and wishes to be removed from the ballot.

Secretary Shamoun supported President Pepe-Souvenir's application to remove Joel Ortiz, an employee in the Brooklyn Office, from the ballot for the position of County Committee in the 42nd Election District, and 53rd Assembly District. Secretary Shamoun further noted that for other positions the Board does not allow this practice, and Board Employees should not be forced to run for the party position of County Committee if they do not choose to.

President Pepe-Souvenir moved to remove Joel Ortiz from the ballot for the party position of County Committee, in the 42nd Election District, and 53rd Assembly District. Secretary Shamoun Seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Umane moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Secretary Shamoun seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

The following personnel actions were taken in Executive Session by the unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners:

1. Robert Day, a Senior Computer Programmer, was granted 98 hours of an advance of sick time. This grant is effective April 19, 2022. Mr. Day's agency start date is March 12, 2006.
2. Isaac Sorden, a Voting Machine Technician, was granted 84 hours of an advance of sick time. This grant is effective April 14, 2022. Mr. Sorden's agency start date is January 12, 2020.
3. Eric Butkiewicz was approved to be hired as an Associate General Counsel at an annual salary of \$100,000.00 with an agency start date of May 15, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.