

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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PRESENT: President Simon Shamoun

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

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager

Michael Corbett, Administrative Manager

Hemalee J. Patel, General Counsel

Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

Tom Sattie, Ballot Management Coordinator

Queens County: Amanda Berinato, Chief Clerk

Bart J. Haggerty, Deputy Chief Clerk

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Mr. Ryan opened the meeting with item #2 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2023 Commissioners Meeting.

Hearing no objections, the minutes of the September 19, 2023 Commissioners Meeting were approved.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #1 of the meeting agenda and requested that the Commissioners Committee convene a meeting of the Board of Canvassers to

certify the results of the September 12, 2023 Special Election, in the 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in Queens County.

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 2 of Article 9 of the New York State Election Law, President Shamoun called the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York to order, for the purpose of certifying the canvass of votes cast for the September 12, 2023, Special Election held for the 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in Queens County.

President Shamoun designated Commissioner Sullivan to serve as the other Republican Member of the Canvassing Board, and Commissioner Araujo designated Commissioner Morales as the other Democratic Commissioner to serve as a Member of the Canvassing Board.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of Queens and their staff have prepared and signed the Returns of Canvass for the September 12, 2023, Special Election for the 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in Queens County, in accordance with this Board's Policies and Procedures.

Because some Commissioners and the Borough Chief and Deputy are appearing remotely, the Returns have been provided electronically to the Board of Canvassers for their review and approval.

Amanda Berinato, Chief Clerk and Bart Haggerty, Deputy Chief Clerk confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, there are no discrepancies to report, and the audit of the poll site and central count scanners required by Article 9 of the New York State Election Law have been successfully completed.

Based on that report, Commissioner Araujo moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the Special Election for the 27th Assembly District, conducted in Queens County. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Returns of Canvass prepared and submitted by the Queens County Staff of the Board of Elections were adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Araujo moved to authorize the use of the Commissioners' electronic signatures as needed and appropriate on each Statement and Return of

Canvass. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Araujo and Commissioner Sullivan thanked the Queens County Staff for the excellent work that they did.

Commissioner Morales moved to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Canvassers and reconvene the weekly stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners, in the City of New York. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers was adjourned.

Following the meeting of the Board of Canvassers, the regular stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners resumed.

Mr. Ryan asked that the Commissioners set the next meeting date for Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

President Shamoun moved to set the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan asked that the Commissioners make a motion to adjourn the open meeting and convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

President Shamoun moved to adjourn the open meeting and convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

The following actions were taken by the unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners:

1. Raquel Torres, an Administrative Assistant, was granted 112 hours of an advance of sick time. This grant is effective September 5, 2023. Ms. Torres' agency start date is March 11, 2012. Please note that Commissioner Araujo recused himself from the vote and was not present when the matter was voted upon.

2. Jose Feliciano, an Administrative Assistant, was granted 70 hours of an advance of sick time. This grant is effective September 11, 2023. Mr. Feliciano's agency start date is February 10, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.