

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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

Commissioners Jose M. Araujo, Michael Coppotelli, *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
Hemalee J. Patel, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

* Commissioner Marmorato appeared remotely, but not at a publicly accessible location, and therefore did not cast any votes.

Mr. Ryan opened the meeting with item #1 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the January 24, 2023 Commissioners Meeting.

Secretary Pepe-Souvenir moved to adopt the minutes of the January 24, 2023 Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, the Petition Filing Calendars.

Mr. Ryan acknowledged Hemalee Patel, the Board's General Counsel, to present the item before the Commissioners Committee.

Mrs. Patel presented the Draft Petition Filing Calendars before the Commissioners Committee for their review and approval, and noted that the drafted calendars were provided to them prior to today's meeting, and posted on the Board's website for review.

- Designating Petition Filing Calendar
 - The first day to circulate Designating Petitions is Tuesday, February 28, 2023, and the first day to file is Monday, April 3, 2023.

- Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) Petition Filing Calendar

- Independent Nominating Petition Filing Calendar

- The first day to circulate Nominating Petitions is Tuesday, April 18, 2023, and the last day to circulate is Tuesday, May 30, 2023.
- The first day to file Nominating Petitions with the Board is Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

All the dates are compliant, pursuant to the New York State Election Law, and have been confirmed to correlate to the New York State Board of Elections' calendar.

Mrs. Patel asked that the Commissioners Committee adopt the Petition Filing Calendars, and once approved they will be posted on the Board's website.

Secretary Pepe-Souvenir moved to adopt the dates and filings given by the New York State Board of Elections. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager, asked that the Petition Filing Calendars be amended to include the hearing dates that were previously circulated to the Commissioners Committee last week.

The Petition Filing Calendars will be amended to include that the hearing dates for Designating Petitions will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 and Wednesday, April 26, 2023, with a hold date of Thursday, April 27, 2023 for any additional matters. The hearing date for Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) Petitions will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Secretary Pepe-Souvenir amended her motion, to include the hearing dates that were provided to the Commissioners Committee last week, as indicated by Ms. Kontzamanis. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan asked that the Commissioners Committee set the next meeting date for Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Secretary Pepe-Souvenir moved to schedule the next meeting of the Commissioners for Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #3 of the meeting agenda, an Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel Matters.

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

Following Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

Commissioner Taylor submitted her resignation, from the position of Democratic Commissioner of Richmond County. The Board appreciates her hard work and dedicated service to Richmond County and the voters of the City of New York, and wish her well on her future endeavors.

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

1. Shanette Brown, an Administrative Assistant, was granted 210 hours of an advance of sick time. This grant is effective January 25, 2023. Ms. Brown's agency start date is January 27, 2008;
2. Don Bosco, Borough Chief Clerk – Staten Island, employment was terminated, effective immediately;

3. Daniel Lavelle, Associate Staff Analyst – Phone Bank, has been promoted to Borough Chief Clerk of Staten Island, effective immediately, at the outgoing salary of Don Bosco.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.