

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 AT 1:00 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Frederic M. Umane
Secretary Jodi Morales

Commissioners Jose M. Araujo, Michael J. Coppotelli, Gino A. Marmorato, Frank R. Seddio, Simon Shamoun, Michele A. Sileo

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Michael D. Corbett, Administrative Manager
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Eric Butkiewicz, Associate General Counsel

Tom Sattie, Director – Candidate Records Unit
Matt Graves, Project Coordinator – Candidate Records Unit

Kings County:
Salvatore Barrera, Chief Clerk
Daniel Ortiz, Deputy Chief Clerk

GUESTS: Gary Donoyan
Howard Graubard
Harold (Heshy) Tischler

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director, opened the meeting and made the following announcements before proceeding with the agenda.

The last day to change your party registration to be eligible to vote in the June Primary Election is Friday, February 14, 2025.

The Mayor has called a Special Election for April 29, 2025, to fill the 51st Council District seat in Staten Island, New York, known as the Jewel of the City.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #1 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the January 28, 2025 Commissioners Meeting.

To familiarize everyone, especially those who haven't been here before, meeting minutes are adopted without objection. Mr. Ryan will ask if there are any objections or amendments. If there are none, the minutes will be adopted.

Hearing no objections or amendments, the minutes of the January 28, 2025 Commissioners Meeting were adopted.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, Hearings on Independent Nominating Petition Matters Pertaining to the March 25, 2025 Special Election in the 44th New York City Council District.

Mr. Ryan handed the meeting over to Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel, to address these matters.

President Umame convened a meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York for Hearings pertaining to the Independent Nominating petitions filed for the Special Election to be held on March 25, 2025 for the New York City 44th Council District.

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

Commissioner Coppotelli moved to convene an Executive Session for Personnel Matters, and set the next meeting date for Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. Commissioner Marmorato seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session the open meeting resumed.

The following action was taken by the unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners:

1. Beth Fossella, Coordinator of Voter Registration Services, was granted an advance of time for 210 hours, with a return date determinant with her care plan. Ms. Fossella's agency start date is June 8, 1997, and is a Staten Island Republican.

Mr. Ryan announced that there was one minor change, the next Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 1:00 P.M., instead of Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners of Elections is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.