

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 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, Marc A. Landis, *Gino A. Marmorato, Frank R. Seddio, Simon Shamoun, *Michele A. Sileo

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director
Michael D. Corbett, Administrative Manager
Grace Pyun, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Pete Holmberg, Coordinator – Candidate Records Unit
Tom Sattie, Director – Candidate Records Unit
John Naudus, Director – Electronic Voting Systems

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

GUESTS:
Kate Doran, League of Women Voters

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

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director, opened the meeting by introducing the staff. Before proceeding with the meeting agenda, he provided the following reminders:

- Saturday June 14, 2025 is the first day of Early Voting for the June 24, 2025 Primary Election, which also happens to be Flag Day.
- The polls are open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and it is the last day to register for the June 24, 2025 Primary Election for new voters.
- The deadline for party changes was February 14, 2025. But for new voters that want to vote in the June 24th Primary Election, Saturday is their last day.

Mr. Ryan continued with the meeting by stating that John Naudus, the Director of Electronic Voting Systems, was asked to attend today to address a question from Kate Doran from the League of Women Voters, who is present, regarding the tabulation of ranked choice ballots. Mr. Ryan asked that they both step up to the podium so that the Board can entertain the inquiry and the response.

Ms. Doran, an Election Specialist with the League of Women Voters, asked how ballots are tabulated in cases where a voter does not select a first, second or even third choice, but instead makes only a fourth or fifth choice. Mr. Naudus explained that the Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) software looks for the first choice made by the voter, regardless of the column in which it appears. As Ms. Doran described, if a voter marks a candidate in the fourth column and then in the fifth,

the system treats the selection in the fourth column as the voter's first-choice candidate. In the second round, the software would then consider the candidate marked in the fifth column as the second choice, and so on. Once there are no longer any viable candidates listed on their ballot, the ballot is exhausted.

The Board thanked Mr. Naudus and Ms. Doran for their remarks.

Mr. Ryan continued with the meeting, and added item #3 to the meeting agenda, an Executive Session for Litigation.

Mr. Ryan proceeded with item #2 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes from the June 3, 2025 Commissioners Meeting.

Hearing no objections or amendments, the minutes of the June 3, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting were adopted.

Mr. Ryan acknowledged Commissioner Shamoun, noting that with his arrival, the Board now had a full voting quorum.

Mr. Ryan turned the balance of the proceedings over to President Umame for the Certification of the Special Election in the 22nd Senate District in Brooklyn, that was conducted on May 20, 2025.

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 2 of Article 9 of the New York State Election Law, President Umame 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 in the Special Election for the 22nd State Senate District in Kings County.

President Umame designated Commissioner Shamoun to serve as the other Republican Member of the Canvassing Board, and Secretary Morales designated Commissioner Seddio as the other Democratic Commissioner to serve as a member of the Canvassing Board.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of Kings County and their staff have prepared and signed the Returns of Canvass for the Special Election for the 22nd State Senate District held in Kings County, in accordance with this Board's policies and procedures.

Some Commissioners, along with the Chief and Deputy Chief Clerk of Kings County, are appearing remotely, and the Returns of Canvass have been provided electronically to the Board of Canvassers for their review and approval.

The Kings County Chief Clerk, Salvatore Barrera and Deputy Chief Clerk, Daniel Ortiz confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, there are no discrepancies to report to the Board, and the audit of the poll site and central count scanners, as required by Article 9 of the New York State Election Law, has been successfully completed.

Based on that report, Commissioner Shamoun moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the Special Election in the 22nd State Senate District conducted in Kings County. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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

Commissioner Shamoun moved to authorize the use of the Commissioners' electronic signatures as needed and appropriate on each Statement and Return of Canvass for the Special Election in the 22nd State Senate District. Commissioner Morales seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Shamoun thanked the Brooklyn Staff for their diligent efforts and hard work in pulling off another successful election event.

President Umame moved to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York and to convene the weekly stated meeting of the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York. Commissioner Seddio seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

The Meeting of the Board of Canvassers, in the City of New York was adjourned.

Mr. Ryan reminded everyone that the hearing schedule, previously set and agreed upon by the Commissioners, remains in place. He noted that the hearings for Independent Nominating Petitions will be held on June 17, 2025, and the hours will be posted on the Board's website. This date will also serve as the next scheduled meeting.

President Umame moved that in the event that there is an issue, a subcommittee of Commissioners will be allowed to conduct the hearings, evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats. Secretary Morales seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Umame moved to convene an Executive Session for Litigation. Secretary Morales seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session the open meeting resumed.

Mr. Ryan stated that the next meeting of the Commissioners of Elections will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, for hearings related to petitions for Independent Nominating in the General Elections.

The meeting was adjourned.