

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 29, 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 *Marc A. Landis, Gino A. Marmorato, Frank R. Seddio, Simon Shamoun, *Michele A. Sileo

Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Michael D. Corbett, Administrative Manager
Grace Pyun, General Counsel
Eric Butkiewicz, Associate Counsel
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Matthew Graves, Project Coordinator – Candidate Records Unit

New York County: Stephen Evans III, Chief Clerk
Rhonda Evans, Acting Deputy Chief Clerk

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

Queens County: Amanda Berinato, Chief Clerk
Bart Haggerty, Deputy Chief Clerk

GUEST:
George Sarantopoulos

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

Vincent Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director, started the meeting by noting that this is the Commissioners Meeting of the Board of Elections in the City of New York, under the authorization of the subcommittee voted on at the last

meeting.

After introducing the staff, Mr. Ignizio turned the meeting over to President Umane to convene a meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York to certify the results of the June 24, 2025 Primary Election.

It was noted that Commissioner Shamoun would be joining shortly.

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 2 of Article 9 of the New York State Election Law, President Umane called the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York to order, for the purpose of certifying the remaining canvass of votes cast in the June 24, 2025 Primary Election that were subject to hand recounts under the New York State Election Law.

President Umane designated Commissioner Marmorato 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.

It was noted for the record that Commissioners appearing remotely have been provided with advance copies of the remaining Returns of Canvass for the June 24, 2025 Primary Election.

The New York County Borough Managers, Stephen Evans, Chief Clerk, and Rhonda Evans, Acting Deputy Chief Clerk, introduced themselves for the record.

In accordance with the Board's policies and procedures, the Chief Clerk and Acting Deputy Chief Clerk of Manhattan and their staff have prepared and signed the Returns of Canvass for the Primary Election held on June 24, 2025 for the remaining contests that were subject to a hand recount under the New York State Election Law.

The New York County Chief Clerk, Stephen Evans and Acting Deputy Chief Clerk, Rhonda Evans 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, President Umame moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the June 24, 2025 Primary Election conducted in New York County, subject to the hand count requirements of the Election Law. Commissioner Seddio seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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

President Umane thanked the employees of the New York County Board for their hard work and diligence in completing the hand recount. He noted that because this is a relatively new voting process, it is difficult to do, and he appreciates the staff's efforts to do it properly and accurately. The Commissioner also congratulated the Manhattan Borough Managers for doing a great job this year.

The Kings County Borough Managers, Salvatore Barrera, Chief Clerk, and Daniel Ortiz, Deputy Chief Clerk, introduced themselves for the record.

In accordance with the Board's policies and procedures, the Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of Kings County and their staff have prepared and signed the Returns of Canvass for the Primary Election held on June 24, 2025 for the remaining contests that were subject to a hand recount under the New York State Election Law.

The Kings County Chief Clerk, Salvatore Barrera, and Deputy Chief Clerk, Daniel Ortiz, confirmed that the results presented are accurate and correct, and there is a discrepancy to report. Mr. Barrera stated that discrepancies were discovered during the conduction of the 2025 Primary Election hand tally for the

47th Council District. The Borough Managers have investigated each of these items in depth and came to the following conclusions:

- Discrepancies for the 63rd Election District of the 46th Assembly District were discovered while conducting the hand tally.
- Twenty-two ballots from the 63rd Election District of the 46th Assembly District were discovered with the ballots from Scanner A that were not part of the election day totals.
- The investigation could not attribute these ballots to specific voters, and in conjunction with the Borough Commissioners, these ballots have been deemed invalid, and they have not been included in the count for the 47th Council District.

The Kings County Borough Managers confirmed that the Commissioners of Kings County have approved the tally and the handling of those twenty-two ballots, 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, President Umane moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the June 24, 2025 Primary Election conducted in

Kings County. Commissioner Seddio seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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

Commissioner Seddio complimented the staff and employees of the Brooklyn Office for finding this discrepancy, addressing it properly and promptly, and for doing an admirable job of bringing it to the attention of the Board and the public. He also complimented them for finalizing it in a way that gives integrity and credit to the Board and the work that it does.

The Queens County Borough Managers, Amanda Berinato, Chief Clerk, and Bart Haggerty, Deputy Chief Clerk, introduced themselves for the record.

In accordance with the Board's policies and procedures, the Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of Queens County and their staff have prepared and signed the Returns of Canvass for the Primary Election held on June 24, 2025 for the remaining contests that were subject to a hand recount under the New York State Election Law.

The Queens County Chief Clerk, Amanda Berinato and Deputy Chief Clerk, Bart Haggerty 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, President Umane moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the June 24, 2025 Primary Election conducted in Queens County. Commissioner Seddio 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.

There was a brief pause, and President Umane stated that Commissioner Shamoun should be joining shortly as he is just arriving in the elevator.

Commissioner Marmorato, on behalf of Commissioner Araujo, Commissioner Sullivan, and all the Commissioners, thanked the Queens Chief and Deputy Chief Clerks and their staff for the amazing job that they always do in getting everything done, and handling it professionally, and a job well done.

Commissioner Shamoun joined the Meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York.

Commissioner Seddio moved that the Board of Canvassers approve and adopt the Recap Statement and Return of Canvass for those Districts which cross borough lines for the June 24, 2025 Primary Election. President Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Recap Statement and Return of Canvass for those Districts which cross borough lines in the Primary Election conducted on June 24, 2025, were adopted unanimously.

President Umame moved to authorize the use of the Commissioners' electronic signatures as needed and appropriate on each Statement and Return of Canvass for the June 24, 2025 Primary Election. Commissioner Seddio seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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

Commissioner Shamoun thanked all the staff, and in particular, the Brooklyn Staff, who has so diligently and effectively, in the face of adversity, counted all valid votes in the remaining races. He also noted that they did so with integrity and praised them for doing a great job.

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

Commissioner Shamoun moved to set the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. President Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Commissioners recognized George Sarantopoulos, who was present to address the Board.

Mr. Sarantopoulos was acknowledged by the Commissioners and addressed the Board. The Commissioners thanked him for his appearance.

The meeting was adjourned.

President Umane expressed gratitude to the staff and acknowledged the rough year caused by hand counts and procedures. The Commissioners appreciate the hard work of everyone at the Board of Elections.

The next meeting of the Commissioners of Elections will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 1:00 P.M.