

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 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, Simon
Shamoun, Michele A. Sileo, Keith Sullivan

Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
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
Tom Sattie, Director – Candidate Records Unit
Pete Holmberg, Coordinator – Candidate Records Unit

Vincent Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director, opened the meeting with the
Commissioner's roll call and the introduction of Board staff.

Mr. Ignizio continued with item #1 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the
minutes of the December 9, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting.

Hearing no objections or amendments, the minutes of the December 9, 2025
Commissioners' Meeting were adopted as submitted.

Mr. Ignizio continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, the Ballot Certification for the 74th AD Special Election.

Mr. Ignizio announced that a Special Election was called for February 3, 2026, to fill the vacancy in the 74th Assembly District. The filing period ended on December 24, 2025. The Board received nominating certificates for the Democratic, Republican, and Conservative parties. No independent petitions or objections were filed, and no prima facie issues exist. As such, Mr. Ignizio asked that the ballot be certified such that we can begin sending out mail ballots and print test ballots to set up our voting machines.

Also, we expect two additional Special Elections for the 47th Senate District in Manhattan, and the 36th Assembly District in Queens to be called in early January. The Board of Commissioners were asked to designate a subcommittee to handle any petition issues that may arise with the shortened filing period.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt a subcommittee consisting of an equal number of Commissioners that are able to appear. Commissioner Araujo volunteered to be apart of the subcommittee since Queens County is involved. Commissioner Landis seconded the motion and also volunteered since New York County is also involved. Hearing no objections, the motion was adopted unanimously.

President Umane noted that as far as the Republican subcommittee, it could be two Commissioners, or it could also be four Commissioners and will be designated based on the Commissioners' availability. To the extent that the Queens Commissioner is available, he would serve, and to the extent that Manhattan is involved, President Umane stated that he will try to serve as well. In the absence of a quorum, the Commissioners have authorized the use of a subcommittee.

President Umane moved to approve the ballot for the 74th Assembly District. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. The ballot was accepted.

President Umane noted that only at the bottom of the reverse pages does it indicate the number of the assembly district, which is the Board's general practice.

Mr. Ignizio advised that item #3 of the meeting agenda is an Executive Session for Personnel Matters and would like to set the date of the next meeting before convening the session.

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager, advised that the next meeting could be decided at a later date, noting that an email will be circulated to set the first meeting date of the year.

Commissioner Araujo requested that the Legal Department confirm whether the petition guidelines approved by the Commissioners last year require recertification or ratification, or if they remain in effect as previously adopted.

Ms. Kontzamanis advised that this matter will be addressed in January, as there are some suggested changes.

As the President of the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Umane took a moment to thank the staff for a very well run and successful, open and fair election in the City of New York this year. Based on the number of complaints, the Board did very well. Which is all attributable to the hard work of the borough offices and the general office staff. On behalf of all the Commissioners, he thanked the staff for their hard work and diligence in having the elections go off as smoothly as they have. As for the three Special Elections that are coming up, the Commissioner stated that he's sure the Board's work will continue and is sure that the elections will be conducted in the same professional manner as the current elections have been. On behalf of all of the Commissioners, President Umane wished everyone a happy, healthy, and good election year for 2026.

Mr. Ignizio thanked Commissioner Umane for serving as our President and Commissioner Morales for serving as our secretary this year.

President Umane moved to adjourn the regular stated meeting and convene an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Secretary Morales seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

Mr. Ignizio reported that all matters discussed in the Executive Session will be reported out in future minutes and wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year in 2026.

The meeting was adjourned.