

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026, AT 1:00 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Jodi Morales
Secretary Gino A. Marmorato

Commissioners Jose M. Araujo, *Michael J. Coppotelli, Marc A. Landis, Frank R. Seddio, Simon Shamoun, *Michele A. Sileo, Keith Sullivan, Frederic M. Umane

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

GUEST:
Patrick L. Murphy

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

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 January 20, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting.

Hearing no objections or amendments, the minutes of the January 20, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting were adopted as submitted.

Mr. Ignizio continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, an update on the February 3, 2026 Special Election 74th Assembly District and 47th Senate District – Manhattan, and the 36th Assembly District – Queens.

Mr. Ignizio provided the following update on the Special Election:

- Today is Election Day, and polls are open until 9:00 PM.
- As of 12:00 Noon, we had 12,227 voters in total participate in voting, including early voting.
- As of the close of business last night, we had 7,335 mail ballots in the Manhattan Specials and 1,133 mail ballots in the Queens Special.
- As of the close of business last night, we received back 1,675 ballots in the Manhattan Specials and 147 ballots in Queens.
 - 1,604 have been marked preliminarily valid in Manhattan, and 44 have been marked preliminarily valid in Queens.

- 71 have been marked preliminarily invalid in Manhattan, and 4 have been marked preliminarily invalid in Queens.
- 20 cure notices have been mailed out in Manhattan, and there were no cures in Queens. To date, 17 cures are still outstanding with the latest return date being February 11, 2026.
- The last date to receive military ballots is Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Hence, our goal is to certify the race during the February 24, 2026 Commissioners Meeting.

Mr. Ignizio continued with item #3 of the meeting agenda, the Draft of the 2026 Designating Petition/Opportunity to Ballot Petitions and Independent Nominating Petition Guidelines. Mr. Ignizio stated that this item is being held, pending a conversation with the Commissioners during executive session.

Mr. Ignizio continued with item #4 of the meeting agenda, the Approval of the 2026 Petition Filing Calendar. Mr. Ignizio stated that the staff has prepared and reviewed both the Designating and Independent petition filing calendars for 2026. The Commissioners were asked to approve the 2026 Petition Filing Calendar. The calendar dates include the hearing dates of April 28th and April 29th, plus April 30th

if needed for designating petition matters, and June 16th for independent nominating petition matters.

Secretary Marmorato moved to adopt the 2026 Petition Filing Calendar. Commissioner Landis seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ignizio continued with item #5 of the meeting agenda, the Approval of the 2026 Early Voting Hours for the Primary and General Elections. Mr. Ignizio noted that they've asked to make a limited adjustment to the early voting schedule by exchanging early voting hours for Thursday and Friday of the early voting period. Friday now becomes a 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Thursday is now 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The proposed change is to account for the observance of Juneteenth, a federal holiday.

President Morales moved to approve the Early Voting Hours for the Primary and General Elections for 2026. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ignizio advised that we have a public session comment, limited to two minutes, from Patrick L. Murphy. Mr. Ignizio asked Grace Pyun, General Counsel, to keep time.

Mr. Murphy stepped forward and was given the opportunity to address the Board.

Mr. Ignizio continued the meeting and added item #6 to the meeting agenda, an Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel matters.

Secretary Marmorato moved to adjourn the regular stated meeting and convene an Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel Matters. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

Mr. Ignizio resumed the meeting with item #3 of the meeting agenda, which had been previously tabled. The Draft of the 2026 Designating Petition/Opportunity to Ballot Petitions and Independent Nominating Petition Guidelines. Mr. Ignizio stated that the amended guidelines for the 2026 petition filing year had been previously circulated and asked that they be adopted as written. The first day to circulate petitions is February 24, 2026.

Commissioner Umame moved to approve the guidelines, subject to two minor changes that were suggested. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Umane moved to set the next meeting for Tuesday, February 24, 2026 to certify the February 3, 2026 Special Election. Secretary Marmorato seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager, addressed the Legal Department regarding the need to designate a committee to address matters related to the potential next special election. She suggested convening a committee to resolve any outstanding issues prior to the next meeting scheduled for February 24th.

Commissioner Umane moved to establish a subcommittee of the Manhattan Commissioners to deal with the potential special election issues that may come up. Commissioner Landis seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Umane moved to adjourn the meeting of the Commissioners of Elections. President Morales seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

During the Executive Session, the following action was taken by the unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners:

- Jillian Rose, a Financial Clerk (Perm), was granted an advance of 140 sick hours, effective as of January 29, 2026. Ms. Rose's agency start date is July 14, 2019, and she is a Staten Island Democrat.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Commissioners of Elections will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.