

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026, AT 1:00 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Jodi Morales

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

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
Pete Holmberg, Coordinator – Candidate Records Unit
Sherwin Suss, Agency Chief Contracting Officer

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

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

GUESTS:
Defra Block
Faith Fraser

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

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

Mr. Ignizio added item #3 to the meeting agenda, the Finance Committee Report.

Mr. Ignizio presented item #2 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting.

Hearing no objections, the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting were adopted as submitted.

Mr. Ignizio turned the meeting over to President Morales to convene a meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York.

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 2 of Article 9 of the New York State Election Law, President Morales 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 Elections held on February 3, 2026 for Member of the Assembly in the 36th District in Queens, State Senator in the 47th District in New York County, and Member of the Assembly in the 74th District in New York County, in the City of New York.

President Morales designated Commissioner Araujo to serve as the other Democratic Member of the Canvassing Board, and Commissioner Umane was designated to serve as the other Republican Member of the Canvassing Board.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of Queens County and their staff have prepared and signed the Returns of Canvass for Member of Assembly in the 36th District in Queens County, in accordance with the Board's policies and procedures.

Because some Commissioners and board staff are appearing remotely, the Returns of Canvass have been provided electronically to the Board of Canvassers for their review and approval.

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

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, Commissioner Araujo moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the Special Election held on February 3, 2026 for Member of the Assembly in the 36th District in Queens County, in the City of New York. Commissioner Sullivan 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.

Commissioner Araujo, on behalf of himself and Commissioner Sullivan, thanked the Queens staff for doing this exceptional work, noting that as always, it is really appreciated.

The Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk of New York County and their staff have prepared and signed the Returns of Canvass for the Special Elections held on February 3, 2026 for State Senator in the 47th District, and Member of Assembly in the 74th District in New York County, in the City of New York, in accordance with the Board's policies and procedures.

Because some Commissioners and board staff are appearing remotely, the Returns of Canvass have been provided electronically to the Board of Canvassers for their review and approval.

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

The New York County Chief Clerk, Stephen Evans, and 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, Commissioner Umame moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Returns of Canvass for the Special Elections for State Senator in the 47th District and a Member of the Assembly in the 74th District conducted in New York County. Commissioner Araujo 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.

Commissioner Umame thanked the New York County staff for their hard work and perseverance through rough weather and tough times, slip and falls and everything else in conducting this election. On behalf of all of the Commissioners

and Commissioner Landis, Commissioner Umane thanked the staff for all of their hard work and for running a slip-proof election.

Commissioner Araujo moved to authorize the use of the Commissioners' electronic signatures as needed and appropriate on each Statement and Return of Canvass for the February 3, 2026 Special Election. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Umane moved to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The Meeting of the Board of Canvassers, in the City of New York, was adjourned, and the regular meeting of the Commissioners of Elections, in the City of New York, was reconvened.

Mr. Ignizio continued with item #3 of the meeting agenda, the Report of the Finance Committee. Mr. Ignizio acknowledged Sherwin Suss, the Agency Chief Contracting Officer, and asked that he step forward to present the items from the Finance Committee Meeting.

Mr. Suss presented the following item:

Quadient Inc.

This contract is to replace current postage machines located at the general and borough offices. This contract is a new 5-year lease procured through Source Well which is a government buying cooperative operated by the State of Minnesota, of which the Board is a member. The new postage equipment will ensure the Board is in compliance with USPS postal regulations, increase transparency of postal costs, and improve spending and control. This lease includes delivery of equipment, installation, and training. The current lease expires within a month. The not-to-exceed cost of this lease is \$248,549.00.

President Umane confirmed that the Finance Committee recommends this to the full Board. The Committee had a full question and answer session with Mr. Suss, prior to this meeting.

President Umane moved to adopt the Finance Committee Report. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Umane noted that two members of the public have requested to address the Board and have completed the required Notice of Appearance.

Commissioner Umame acknowledged the first guest, Defra Block.

Defra Block introduced herself and stated that she serves as a Coordinator and Affidavit Inspector with the Board during election periods. She addressed the Board regarding the snow days that occurred during the recent Special Election. She asked the Board to consider paying an additional bonus for the two snow days.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Block for her appearance.

Commissioner Umame acknowledged the second guest, Faith Fraser.

Faith Fraser stated that she serves as an Early Voting Coordinator, Affidavit Inspector, and Election Day Coordinator. She indicated that she wished to piggyback on the previous speaker's request regarding the snow days during the Special Election. She shared her experience working during those days and asked the Board to consider paying an additional bonus for the two snow days.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Fraser for her appearance.

President Morales moved to set the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. Commissioner Seddio seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Morales moved to adjourn the regular stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners in the City of New York. Commissioner Landis seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Commissioners of Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.