MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026, AT 1:00 P.M. 42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Michele A Sileo
Secretary Gino A. Marmorato

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

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director
Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager
Michael D. Corbett, Administrative Manager
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel
Eric Butkiewicz, Associate General Counsel
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners
Sherwin Suss, Agency Chief Contracting Officer (ACCO)

GUEST: Alan Flacks

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director, opened the meeting with the Commissioner’s roll call and the introduction of Board staff. Mr. Ryan noted that the position of President is currently vacant following the resignation of Jodi Morales.

Mr. Ryan stated that recently there was a caucus of Democratic Commissioners for the purpose of selecting a new President to serve out the balance of the presidential term created by the resignation of Commissioner Morales.

Commissioner Araujo nominated Commissioner Michele Sileo from Staten Island to be President for the unfinished term left by Jodi Morales' vacancy and nomination as a Civil Court Judge.

The Commissioner noted that he was very confident that Commissioner Sileo would be able to guide the Agency for the remainder of the calendar year and would be a great steward on behalf of the Democratic Caucus.

Commissioner Coppotelli seconded the nomination of his colleague from Staten Island, with whom he has had the pleasure of serving with, and echoed the comments made by Commissioner Araujo.

There being no objections or abstentions, the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan continued with the completion of the introduction of Board staff and then proceeded to Item #1 of the meeting agenda, Hearings on Matters Related to Certificates Filed for Judge of the NYC Civil Court Vacancies Created on June 1, 2026.

Mr. Ryan welcomed President Sileo aboard as President and turned the meeting over to her to chair the hearings related to the certificates for Judge of the NYC Civil Court based on vacancies created on June 1, 2026, and to convene a meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York.

Following the meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York, Mr. Ryan resumed the weekly meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Ryan began with item #2 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the July 21, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting.

Hearing no objections, the minutes of the July 21, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting were adopted.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #3 of the meeting agenda, the Finance Committee Report. Mr. Ryan asked Sherwin Suss, the Agency Chief Contracting Officer, to step forward to present the committee report.

Mr. Suss presented the following:

New Vans for the Board Fleet

This is a request to approve funding to purchase (5) new 2027 Sprinter 12 Passenger High Roof Vans to replace the current vans with one van for each borough office. These are diesel vans similar to those already being used in four boroughs (except Staten Island). These vans would be purchased under the existing DCAS Requirements contract. The Board has received a quote from the DCAS vendor including all equipment to meet DCAS fleet requirements. The quote is for $80,454 per van for a total not to exceed cost of 402,270.

Mr. Suss confirmed that the vans currently in use are beyond the life expectancy provided by DCAS and will be turned back to DCAS upon the purchase of the new vans, with the exception of one van that is not beyond its life expectancy and may be reabsorbed into the DCAS fleet.

The contract was approved and adopted unanimously.

Pinnacle Security Patrol

This is a contract to provide unarmed security guards at early voting poll sites when the sites are closed, for Queens and Manhattan. This contract was procured through the M/WBE noncompetitive small purchase method under

PPB Rule 3-08. Ten (10) vendors were solicited, and the lowest priced responsible vendor was selected. This contract is for one year covering two full Citywide elections and any special elections that may arise. The total not to exceed amount of this contract is $850,000.

Mr. Ryan added that the Board has been using this type of service since the inception of early voting, specifically to protect the equipment and voted ballots at these locations.

The contract was approved and adopted unanimously.

SHI

This is a request to modify a SHI contract that was previously approved by the full Board of Commissioners on May 12, 2026, to purchase Lenovo ThinkPads to replace the Board's current fleet of Microsoft tablets. This request is to modify the order to include the purchase of 4,000 USB C AC adapters with cables for Lenovo units. These additional adapters and cables will be used to rewire the current charging carts and as a supply of replacement cables when needed at poll sites. This purchase is being done through the OTI Requirements contract. The not to exceed cost of additional cables is $163,000. The new not to exceed amount of this contract will be $5,707,000.

The contract was approved and adopted unanimously.

Prior to going into Executive Session and before hearing from the public, Mr. Ryan stated that it would be appropriate to set the date for the next meeting. He suggested scheduling the next meeting for Tuesday, August 18, 2026, unless the Commissioners had a different date in mind.

Secretary Marmorato moved to set the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 1:00 PM. Commissioner Umane seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan advised that the Board had one speaker request and asked that Alan Flacks step forward to address the Board.

Mr. Flacks introduced himself for the record and expressed concerns regarding the Board's use of a dual telephone system, consisting of one directory for internal calls and another for external callers. He questioned the need for maintaining separate directories and raised concerns regarding the associated cost to taxpayers.

Commissioner Umane moved to adjourn the regular stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners in the City of New York and convene an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Secretary Marmorato seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

During the Executive Session, the following actions were taken by the unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners:

- Yuderca Binet Lopez, a Permanent Financial Clerk, was granted an advancement of 210 hours of Sick Time. Ms. Binet Lopez's agency start date is January 22, 2023, and she is a Queens Democrat.

- Daniel Amitrano, a Senior Voting Machine Technician, was granted 210 hours of Sick Time. Mr. Amitrano's agency start date is September 29, 1996, and he is a Staten Island Democrat.

- Alexis Carmona, a Senior VMT, was granted an advancement of 210 hours of Sick. Mr. Carmona's agency start date is July 15, 2018, and he is a Bronx Democrat.

- Katherine Crispin, an Administrative Associate, was granted 210 hours of Sick Time. Ms. Crispin's agency start date is February 7, 2016, and she is a Bronx Republican.

In addition to the four personnel matters addressed, Mr. Ryan stated that there was an additional collective bargaining matter involving the titles of ACCO and Director of Personnel. He advised that management and CWA Local 1183 had agreed to move both positions from union positions to managerial positions. Mr. Ryan stated that a motion was in order to finalize approval of the process and establish the salaries for both positions at $150,000 each.

Mr. Ryan clarified that this matter pertains only to the titles.

Commissioner Umane moved to approve the process and establish the salaries for both positions, ACCO and Director of Personnel, at $150,000 each. Commissioner Coppotelli seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan clarified that this does not involve the names, but rather the titles.

Commissioner Umane moved to adjourn the regular stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners in the City of New York. Secretary Marmorato seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Commissioners of Elections will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.