

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

PRESENT: President Michele A Sileo

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

Vincent M. Ignizio, Deputy Executive Director
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

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

GUESTS:

Theo Chino
Levi Anteby

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

Mr. Ignizio began the meeting with the public session, noting that two individuals wished to speak. He called upon the first guest, Theo Chino.

Commissioner Shamoun advised that he was en route and expected to join the meeting shortly, but would observe remotely until his arrival. Mr. Ignizio advised that the meeting would begin with the public session and that no votes would be taken until Commissioner Shamoun joined the meeting.

Theo Chino introduced himself as a Democrat and the socialist leader of the socialist faction within the Democratic Party. Mr. Chino stated that he was joined by Sebastiano Bogan, Director of Observation of COPAL (Conference of Permanent Party of Latin America, Central, and the Caribbean).

Mr. Chino stated that, last year, the Board permitted COPAL to observe the Mayoral Election and the Board's organization of the election. He explained that Mr. Bogan was present to provide the Board with a copy of the report he prepared regarding his observations as an election observer, which was submitted to his party in the Latin American and Caribbean region to explain how elections are organized in New York. Mr. Chino provided copies of the report in both English and Spanish.

As a second matter, Mr. Chino requested that the Board grant COPAL permission to observe the upcoming election. He stated that, as was done previously with Commissioner Umane, a formal request would be submitted to President Sileo.

Commissioner Umane advised that the matter would be decided once a quorum was present and thanked Mr. Chino for his diligence and for providing a copy of the report.

Mr. Ignizio recognized Levi Anteby, the second speaker, who appeared virtually to address the Board.

Mr. Anteby advised the Commissioners that he had reviewed the New York State Election Law regarding the addition of a district number to the ballot and requested clarification as to whom, if not the Board, the matter should be addressed.

Commissioner Umane advised Mr. Anteby that the matter would be taken under advisement.

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

Mr. Suss reported that the Finance Committee held a meeting at which several matters were discussed.

The first three matters involved trucking companies currently utilized by the Board, each of which has an existing contract approved by the Commissioners for the delivery of poll site equipment. Due to the number of special elections that occurred during the contract period, which could not have been anticipated, it is necessary to increase the contract ceilings to meet current obligations and ensure sufficient contract capacity to cover expenses associated with the November General Election.

Mr. Suss presented the following:

Natale Group LTD

This is a contract that provides transportation of poll site voting equipment to poll sites for Brooklyn South. This is a request to increase the contract ceiling by \$1,000,000 to meet current and future obligations until the end of the current contract. The reason for the need to increase is the extra costs incurred by special elections that have occurred in the last two years. The new not to exceed amount will be \$3,300,000.

Flatbush Moving Van Co

This is a contract that provides transportation of poll site voting equipment to poll sites for Brooklyn North. This is a request to increase the contract ceiling by \$1,000,000 to meet current and future obligations until the end of the current contract. The reason for the need to increase is the extra costs incurred

by the special elections that have occurred in the last two years. The new not to exceed amount will be \$3,300,000.

Century Moving and Storage Co.

This is a contract that provides transportation of poll site voting equipment to poll sites for Manhattan West and Richmond County. This is a request to increase the contract ceiling by \$3,500,000 to meet current and future obligations until the end of the current contract. The reason for the need to increase is the extra costs incurred by special elections that have occurred in the last two years. The new not to exceed amount will be \$8,300,000.

FJC Security Services Inc

This is a contract that provides security guards for all Board offices. This is a request to increase the contract ceiling by \$700,000 to meet current and future obligations until the end of the current contract. The reason for the need to increase is the extra costs incurred by special elections that have occurred in the last two years, as well as the yearly increases in guard pay as directed by DCAS under the living wage requirement. This contract was obtained through the DCAS master security contract. The new not to exceed amount will be \$6,884,000.

Uncurtain Inc.

This is a contract to provide transportation and installation of ADA ramp equipment for northeast Queens poll sites. This is a request to increase the contract ceiling by \$2,735,000 to meet current and future obligations until the end of the current contract term. The reason for the need to increase is the extra expenses incurred for special elections as well as the number of very large, complicated ramp systems required for some poll sites in this area. The new not to exceed amount of this contract is \$5,089,625.

New York State Industries for the Disabled

This contract provides shredding services for all offices, which includes ballots as required by the NYS Election Law. This vendor was procured through an NYS OGS contract as a preferred source vendor. This is a five-year contract with a not to exceed amount of \$797,573.00.

Commissioner Umane stated that all of these contracts were vetted by the Finance Committee, and that the Finance Committee recommended all six contracts to the full Board. He stated that the contracts would be voted on when Commissioner Shamoun arrived.

Commissioner Umane directed that the Board continue with Item #2 of the meeting agenda, the Challenge to Voter Registration, NYS Election Law § 5-220.

Mr. Ignizio asked that the Manhattan Borough Managers step forward to present the challenge.

Stephen Evans, Chief Clerk, and Rhonda Evans, Deputy Chief Clerk, stepped forward to address the Board.

Mr. Evans stated that they were present to present a voter registration that they believed should be canceled as part of the challenge process. The voter registration serial number is 414739041, and the name on the registration is Fani Willis.

Mr. Evans stated that the reasons they recommended the cancellation of the registration were that it was received on October 13, 2024, around the same time as several other registrations that, upon investigation, were determined to warrant cancellation. He stated that this registration appeared to have been submitted during that same period.

Mr. Evans further stated that the name on the registration is the same as that of the sitting District Attorney in Fulton County, Georgia. The address listed on the voter registration is the address for Trump Tower. He noted that the Fulton County District Attorney had gained national attention for her prosecution of President Trump in the case of State of Georgia v. Donald J. Trump, et al., which made it seem

unlikely that she had decided to move into Trump Tower, as the registration indicated.

Mr. Evans stated that the registration provided no identification, such as a driver's license or Social Security number, or any other form of identification that would be required by state or federal law. He further stated that the apartment number listed on the registration was consistent with the number used on many of the other registrations submitted around the same date that were determined to correspond to a nonexistent apartment within the building.

Commissioner Umane stated that the Board could cast a vote and hold the vote open for Commissioner Shamoun until he attended the meeting.

Commissioner Umane confirmed that the voter name listed on the registration was Fani Willis.

Commissioner Landis advised that someone may have inadvertently transposed the digits, as the 68th floor is part of the President's residence.

President Sileo confirmed that, for all intents and purposes, this was a completely fictitious registration. Mr. Evans stated that they were requesting permission to conduct an investigation.

Mr. Ignizio stated that the Board would hold the vote open for Commissioner Shamoun; however, the Board could vote on other matters pending his arrival, and he could vote when he arrived if he chose to do so.

Commissioner Umane asked that the Manhattan Borough Managers return to the podium and stated that it had been pointed out that they needed to complete the voter challenge oath. Commissioner Umane administered the challenge oath to the Manhattan Borough Managers.

President Sileo authorized the use of her signature stamp as a witness to the oath.

Commissioner Umane moved to adjourn the regular stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of New York and convene an Executive Session to begin reviewing personnel matters until Commissioner Shamoun joined the meeting. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, the open meeting resumed. Mr. Ignizio advised that a quorum was now present and that the Board would resume the meeting and ratify the items on the meeting agenda.

Mr. Ignizio continued with item #1 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the August 18, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting.

Hearing no objections, the minutes of the August 18, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting were adopted as submitted.

Mr. Ignizio continued with item #2 of the meeting agenda, the Challenge to Voter Registration, NYS Election Law § 5-220.

Commissioner Umane moved to start the investigation into the registration of Fani Willis at Trump Tower. Commissioner Shamoun seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ignizio continued with item #3 of the meeting agenda, the Report of the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Umane advised that the Finance Committee recommended all six items referred to by Mr. Suss, which were debated hotly during the Finance Committee meeting.

Commissioner Umane stated that he is in favor of adopting all six items discussed during the Finance Committee Meeting.

All six contracts were approved and adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Umane moved to set the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 1:00 PM. Commissioner Shamoun seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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

- Sonya Roberts, a Voting Machine Technician, was granted 210 hours of Sick Time. Ms. Roberts' agency start date is September 14, 2014, and she is a Queens Democrat.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Commissioners of Elections will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.