

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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, 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
Grace Pyun, General Counsel
Eric Butkiewicz, Associate General Counsel
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners

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

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

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director, opened the meeting with the Commissioners' roll call and introduction of Board staff.

Before continuing with the meeting agenda, Mr. Ryan made the following announcements:

- On Friday, September 18, 2026, the Board met its statutory obligation for military, UOCAVA, and federal ballots and mailed a total of 35,977 ballots. He noted that this is an ongoing process and will continue as the Board may receive additional applications over time.
- The Board has begun processing and distributing all other ballots, which began to be mailed on Monday, September 21, 2026.
- To date, the Board has processed and mailed a total of 134,788 ballots, including early mail and absentee ballots.
- The deadline to apply for a mail ballot by mail or online is October 24, 2026. Applications may be submitted in person through November 2, 2026.
- The Board is up to date with processing, and ballots are being mailed out daily.
- The Board is continuing to test and prepare all early voting and Election Day equipment to finalize preparations. The Board is also training poll

workers and coordinators and urged anyone interested in serving in either capacity to sign up on the Board's website.

Mr. Ryan continued with item #1 of the meeting agenda, the approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting.

Hearing no objections, alterations, or amendments, the minutes of the September 15, 2026 Commissioners' Meeting were adopted as submitted.

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

Mr. Ryan asked the Manhattan Borough Managers to step forward to introduce themselves and present the challenge. Mr. Ryan asked Grace Pyun, General Counsel, to walk them through the introduction and the objection.

Ms. Pyun stated that this was a voter challenge instituted at the September 1, 2026 meeting regarding the registration of Fani Willis, who appears to be the same Fani Willis who is the District Attorney of Fulton County, Georgia. The challenge was initiated by the Manhattan Borough Managers. After the oath was administered at the public meeting, a requisite notice was sent out, and after 10 days had elapsed, the Manhattan Borough Managers conducted their investigation. The Manhattan

Borough Managers were present to provide their findings and recommendation to the Commissioners.

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

As stated by Ms. Pyun, Mr. Evans confirmed that, following the 10-day period during which no response was received to the letter that was sent, a bipartisan team was sent to the address listed on the registration on September 23, 2026. The team confirmed that there was no voter named Fani Willis at the address and recommended that the registration be canceled. Mr. Evans stated that he also recommended cancellation of the registration. Ms. Evans confirmed that she likewise recommended cancellation of the registration.

Commissioner Umane moved to strike the name of the District Attorney of Fulton County, Georgia, from the voter rolls in New York County. Commissioner Landis seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan continued with agenda item #3, a Holiday in Lieu of the November 3, 2026, General Election, Pursuant to Contract with CWA, Local 1183.

Mr. Ryan stated that, although Election Day is a paid holiday for most employees, the Board of Elections cannot take off on that day. He stated that, as the Board does every year, the Commissioners are asked to approve reallocating that day off to another date. He noted that, with rare exception, the Board typically requests the Friday after Thanksgiving, which this year would be Friday, November 27, 2026.

Commissioner Umane moved to designate Friday, November 27, 2026 as the holiday in lieu of Election Day, November 3, 2026. Commissioner Seddio seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Ryan continued with agenda item #4, an Executive Session for Personnel Matters.

Prior to convening the Executive Session, Mr. Ryan asked the Commissioners to set the date for the next meeting for Tuesday, October 6, 2026, as October 13, 2026, is the day after a holiday.

It was discussed that Tuesday, October 13, 2026, may be a better date in terms of attendance, as two Commissioners noted that they would be unavailable to attend the October 6, 2026 meeting. It was suggested that the meeting be scheduled for

October 6, 2026, and that, in the event there is not a quorum, the matter could be readdressed with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Umane moved to set the date of the next meeting for Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 1:00 PM, with an alteration if need be. Commissioner Seddio seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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. Commissioner Seddio 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:

- Sonya Roberts, a Voting Machine Technician, was granted 70 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,
October 6, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.