

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Frederic Umane
 Secretary Julie Dent

Commissioners Araujo, Polanco, Schacher, Silie, Sipp, Soumas, Stupp

Marcus Cederqvist, Executive Director
George Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
John Owens, Jr., Director, Campaign Finance Enforcement
John Ward, Finance Officer
Dorothy Delayo, Director, Personnel
Valerie Vazquez-Rivera, Director, Communications and Public Affairs
Lucille Grimaldi, Manager, Electronic Voting Systems
John Naudus, Senior System Analyst, Electronic Voting Systems
Steve Monahan, Consultant, Gartner
Curt Sawyer, Consultant, Gartner
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners
Charles S. Webb, III, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Tina Moore, Daily News
 Jim Robbins, LWV
 Marjorie Shea, Women's City Club
 Teresa Hommel, Community Church of New York
 Andrea Senteno, CUF
 Jerry Koening
 Diana Finch
 Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

President Umane called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

Secretary Dent moved to adopt the minutes with any necessary corrections of September 24, 2009 – Special Meeting, October 13, 2009, October 13, 2009 – Finance Committee, October 27, 2009, and November 10, 2009. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Polanco commended Eleanor Guerrieri, Secretary of Record, for doing a great job preparing the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Polanco inquired when the November 3, 2009 General Election will be certified. President Umame replied that the Board of Canvassers will meet at the next Commissioners' meeting for certification.

The Finance Officer reported on the Comparative Expenditures dated November 17, 2009.

The Executive Director presented the HAVA update. He provided a PowerPoint presentation of the project status update for the new Poll Site Voting System (PVS) implementation project. Mr. Cederqvist distributed written copies of the presentation to the Commissioners and noted for all

others that a copy of the presentation will be inserted in next week's agenda. Steve Monahan and Curt Sawyer, Gartner Consultants, assisted Mr. Cederqvist with the presentation. During the presentation, President Umane inquired if the State Board is sending the City Board all changes that are being made to the systems during the certification testing process. Mr. Cederqvist replied that he will verify. Commissioner Silie inquired if the Board will have a test to ensure that the poll workers are fully trained for the new voting system. Mr. Cederqvist replied that a workstream is responsible for developing a poll worker training plan for the Commissioners' consideration and in the future. Commissioner Polanco inquired about new poll worker recruitment and noted that the advocacy groups have helped the Board recruit poll workers in past elections. Mr. Cederqvist stated that the Board also has a workstream specifically targeting new poll worker recruitment. He added that with the introduction of an electronic voting system, it can be intimidating for long term poll workers who are accustomed to the lever voting machines and that it is prudent to plan for the necessity of recruiting a large volume of new poll workers. Secretary Dent inquired how many Gartner consultants are assisting in the workstreams. Mr. Cederqvist replied that there are ten (10) consultants working with Board staff on all 20 workstreams of the new voting system implementation project. Commissioner Silie questioned if

the State Board will be on target to certify on December 15, 2009. Mr. Cederqvist replied that the tasks are on schedule according to the State Board's HAVA weekly status reports to the Department of Justice and the federal court.

The floor was opened for brief comments from Marjorie Shea, Jerry Koenig, Alan Flacks, and Tina Moore, members of the public.

On behalf of the Commissioners, President Umane thanked Mr. Cederqvist and Mr. Monahan for the informative presentation regarding the status update of the new Poll Site Voting System (PVS) implementation project. He also thanked the participation from the public for their pertinent comments and questions.

President Umane moved to convene an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Soumas seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Following the Executive Session, the open public session resumed and President Umane reported on the actions which were taken in Executive Session:

- I. Upon receiving a report from Executive Management regarding the status of the post election canvass and recanvass, the Commissioners moved to thank the election cycle temporary employees for their hard work during the last election cycle, and end their employment by the Board effective by close of business on Friday, November 20, 2009. The motion was unanimously adopted.
- II. Unanimously approved the hiring of twenty-four (24) temporary employees in each borough office, equally divided between Democratic and Republican parties in accordance with the requirements of Election Law, for specific tasks for post election “clean up” tasks, effective Monday, November 23, 2009. The Commissioners will then review the necessity of retaining those temporary employees on December 1, 2009.

President Umame adjourned the meeting.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 1:30 P.M.