

HEARINGS RELATING TO OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS
FILED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 PRIMARY ELECTION AND
THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Juan Carlos "J.C." Polanco
Secretary Gregory C. Soumas

Commissioners Araujo, Dent, Guastella, Schacher, Sipp, Stupp, Umane

Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel
Raphael Savino, Director, Campaign Finance Enforcement Reporting
John Ward, Finance Officer
Dorothy Delayo, Director, Personnel
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications and Public Affairs
John O'Grady, Chief Voting Machine Technician
Beth Fossella, Coordinator, Voter Registration
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit
Matthew Graves, Administrative Associate, Candidate Records Unit
Ryan Deahn, Administrative Assistant, Candidate Records Unit
Richard Byrne, Summer Law Student Intern, OGC
Daniel Dugan, Summer Law Student Intern, OGC
Giacomo Kmet, Temporary Attorney, OGC
James Barron, Temporary Attorney, OGC
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Marianna Blume
A.B. Britton
Rima McCoy, CIDNY
Rhea Fernandes, AALDEF
Philip Kim, for Minkwon Lenter
Riley Paul, for Council Member Gale A. Brewer
John Smith
Jacquelyn Lekhras, Citizens Union

Sara Dennis, Citizens Union
Kate Doran, LWV
Todd Urosevich, ES&S
Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

President Polanco called the meeting to order at 1:36 P.M.

President Polanco announced that the Commissioners would conduct the Hearings on Opportunity to Ballot petitions filed for the September 13, 2011 Primary Election.

President Polanco announced the procedures to be followed during the Hearings.

Mr. Richman called the Legal Prima Facie Report. There were no appearances. Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the Legal Prima Facie Report. Commissioner Stupp seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Johnson called the CRU Prima Facie Report. In selected instances, there were appearances by candidates or their representatives which are noted on the Prima Facie Report on file at the Board. The

Commissioners unanimously adopted the CRU Prima Facie Report.

Mr. Johnson reported that there are two (2) enrollment issues in Queens County. The first matter concerns candidate Luis Crabell. She informed Mr. Johnson yesterday that her first and last name is misspelled on the Republican Party Schedule of County Committee Candidates for the 28th Assembly District. Her name is listed as Lois Crabill on her voter registration card. President Polanco moved to send a notice to the candidate to appear next Tuesday at 1:30 P.M. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. Mr. Johnson reported on the second matter concerning candidate Jean Forza. She informed Mr. Johnson yesterday that her last name is misspelled on the Republican Party Schedule of County Committee Candidates for the 30th Assembly District. Her name is listed as Jean SForza on her voter registration card. Mr. Richman stated that her name was spelled correctly on the petition, but not on the Cover Sheet which is a curable defect. Commissioner Umame moved to send a NCN Notice to the candidate and her representative to amend their Cover Sheet which is current practice. Commissioner Stupp seconded the motion, with Secretary Soumas and President Polanco opposing. The motion was adopted.

President Polanco moved to adjourn the Hearings. Commissioner Umame seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

President Polanco convened the stated meeting of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Dent moved to adopt the minutes of the July 26, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Ms. Vazquez presented the Poll Worker recruitment update. The Board's Outreach Team is continuing to conduct calls for Poll Worker and Interpreter recruitment. Ms. Vazquez held a meeting with Roxanna Tenebaum, a representative from the Henry Street Settlement, and they committed to distribute the Board's Poll Worker flyers and applications at their facilities. They will also encourage their Youth Program to apply to be a Poll Worker. Ms. Vazquez reported that she hosted a conference call with Chinese, Korean and Latino groups on August 5, 2011. The participants were from the Korean American Community Empowerment Council, Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, Ming Quong Cultural Center, and Sing Tao Daily News. Ms. Vazquez asked the

participants to spread the word in their community by providing the Poll Worker applications and flyers at their events and to allow the Board to attend their events. She also asked if they could post Poll Worker recruitment information on their social networks such as Facebook and Twitter. Ms. Vazquez reported that she met with representatives from the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). They pledged to support the Poll Worker outreach activities which include allowing the Board to participate in their Open Houses and they committed to use their social networks such as Facebook and Twitter to spread the word. In addition, NYCHA's Research Department will help the Board target outreach in the areas where there are shortages of Chinese and Korean Interpreters. Ms. Vazquez had a meeting with representatives from Bronx House, a community/cultural center in the Bronx, which has committed to distribute the Board's Poll Worker applications and flyers. She reported that Groundwork, a Brooklyn based organization that helps individuals with continuing education, committed to work with the Board. The Board is hosting an event at the Groundwork headquarters on August 16, 2011. Ms. Vazquez reported that the representatives of Albert Einstein College of Medicine want to ramp up their public service aspect for their medical students. Ms. Vazquez, Ms. Sandow and Ms. Perkins are currently working on a partnership with the college's Executive Director.

Ms. Vazquez stated that it would be an added benefit to have medical students work as Poll Workers. Ms. Vazquez reported that her press release regarding the Poll Worker Awareness Month will be completed today. She is planning an Open House at the Board on August 19, 2011 and will invite various community organizations for a Questions and Answers session and will provide them with packets of Board materials. Commissioner Schacher requested for the names of the organizations in Brooklyn. Ms. Vazquez stated that she will email the Commissioners a list of organizations for their respective borough. Commissioner Dent thanked Ms. Vazquez for her comprehensive report. She recalled that at the last meeting Ms. Vazquez indicated there would be a meeting with the Director of Job Corps and inquired if there was a follow-up report for that meeting. Ms. Vazquez reported that it was a fantastic opportunity for their members. The Job Corps Director of Employment Services took a large amount of Poll Worker applications and flyers and the Board's Outreach Team has been receiving their applications via fax on a daily basis. Ms. Vazquez stated that it is a fruitful partnership with Job Corps. Ms. Vazquez added that she is waiting to coordinate with the respective contacts that Alan Flacks, a member of the public, provided to her at the last meeting.

Mr. Ward presented the Comparative Expenditures Report dated

August 9, 2011. A copy of the report is in the agenda.

Mr. Ward presented the update on the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of modifications which was approved by the Commissioners at the July 26, 2011 meeting. He reported that OMB asked him fourteen (14) questions concerning the modifications which were answered by the Board staff very quickly. Mr. Ward stated that OMB approved the modifications last night and the contract will be hand delivered to the Office of the Comptroller. Commissioner Schacher asked what OMB inquired. Mr. Ward replied that it was a myriad of questions about poll sites, flash cards, et al.

Commissioner Dent requested to discuss a Brooklyn personnel matter in Executive Session.

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

Following the Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and President Polanco reported on the following actions taken in Executive

Session:

- I. The Brooklyn Office was authorized a total of eighteen (18) Temporary Clerks, effective immediately.
- II. The Queens Office was authorized twenty (20) Temporary Clerks, effective immediately.
- III. The Staten Island Office was authorized four (4) Temporary Clerks, effective immediately.

President Polanco moved to adjourn the meeting which was adopted unanimously.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 1:30 P.M.