

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS  
AND THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013  
AT 1:30 P.M.  
42 BROADWAY, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM  
NEW YORK, NY 10004

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PRESENT: President Frederic M. Umane

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Naomi Barrera, Julie Dent, Maria Guastella,  
Michael Michel, Michael Rendino, Simon Shamoun, J.P. Sipp

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel  
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel  
John Ward, Finance Officer  
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs  
Dorothy Delayo, Director, Personnel  
Troy Johnson, Coordinator, Candidate Records Unit  
Rayvon Weaver, Administrative Assistant, Candidate Records Unit  
Giacomo Kmet, Temporary Contract Attorney, OGC  
Anibal Luque, Temporary Contract Attorney, OGC  
Gregory Lehman, Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office  
Timothy Gay, Deputy Chief Clerk, Manhattan Office  
Alvin Samuels, Administrative Associate, Manhattan Office  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST: Kate Doran, LWV  
Anna-Maria L. Thomas  
Andy Morrison, NYPIRG  
K. Loving, NYC CFB  
Elie Greenbaum, DOI  
Andrew Brunden, DOI

Will Colegrove, NYC Council  
David Seitzer, NYC Council  
Michael Benjamin  
Steven Romalenski, CUNY  
Eric Friedman, CFB  
John D. Smith  
Alan Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 2 of Article 9 of the NYS Election Law, specifically Section 9-204, President Umame called the Meeting of the Board of Canvassers in the City of New York to re-certify the results of the October 1, 2013 Democratic Run-off Primary Election for Public Advocate, and the September 10, 2013 Primary Election for the Democratic Party for Delegate to the Judicial Convention from the 69<sup>th</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> ADs and Alternate Delegate to the Judicial Convention from the 75<sup>th</sup> AD that was conducted in New York County.

To serve as the other Republican Member of the Canvassing Board, President Umame designated Commissioner Sipp to serve with him for New York County and the Citywide Recapitulation.

President Umane asked Commissioner Araujo to designate another Democratic Commissioner to serve with him as a signatory for New York County and the Citywide Recapitulation. Commissioner Araujo designated Commissioner Barrera.

Mr. Lehman, Mr. Gay and Mr. Samuels presented their report for the Board on the circumstances that led them to prepare Amended Returns of Canvass for the Democratic Party Run-off Primary Election for Public Advocate conducted in New York County on October 1, 2013, as well as the Amended Returns for Delegates or Alternates to the Democratic Judicial Convention to the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District from the 69<sup>th</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> ADs conducted in New York County on the September 10, 2013 Primary Election. With respect to the September 10, 2013 Primary Election matter, Mr. Lehman reported that there was a formatting error on the spreadsheet for the results of the manual recount of paper ballots. Candidates brought this error to the Manhattan Office staff's attention which was investigated and fixed. With respect to the October 1, 2013 Run-off Election matter, Mr. Lehman reported that after the results were certified, Manhattan Office staff discovered that the Voter History and Voter Turnout numbers did not match. Staff spot-checked and found that there was double data entry of

values in the system and staff fixed the error. Mr. Lehman and Mr. Gay presented the revised Certification Statements for both Elections to the Canvassing Board for review and approval.

Based on the report of the Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk, President Umame moved that the Board of Canvassers certify the Amended Return of Canvass for the Democratic Party Run-off Primary Election for Public Advocate conducted in New York County on October 1, 2013, and certify the Amended Return of Canvass for the Democratic Party Primary Election for Delegate to the Judicial Convention from the 69<sup>th</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> ADs and Alternate Delegate to the Judicial Convention from the 75<sup>th</sup> AD that was conducted in New York County on September 10, 2013. Commissioner Barrera seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Barrera moved to approve and adopt the Amended Citywide Recapitulation Statement and Return of Canvass for the Democratic Party Run-off Primary Election for Public Advocate conducted in the City of New York on October 1, 2013. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Umane moved to authorize the use of the Commissioners' signature stamps as appropriate on each Statement and Return of Canvass. Commissioner Araujo seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Canvassers and to convene the weekly stated meeting of the Commissioners of Elections in the City of New York. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan requested authorization to modify his previous request for the SHOUP voting machine donation to the 9/11 Memorial Museum Collection which was discussed at the previous meeting. He reported that the museum curators are interested in two (2) SHOUP voting machines. The initial request approved by the Commissioners was to donate one (1) SHOUP machine. President Umane moved to authorize the donation process of two (2) SHOUP voting machines for the 9/11 Memorial Museum Collection. Commissioner Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Araujo moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2013 and October 15, 2013 meetings. Commissioner Barrera seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ward presented the Comparative Expenditures Report dated October 29, 2013. A copy of the report is in the agenda.

President Umane inquired if the Board is prepared to conduct the November 5, 2013 General Election. Mr. Ryan confirmed that the Board is prepared and is ahead of schedule.

President Umane noted that Commissioner Dent joined the meeting.

Commissioner Araujo moved to convene an Executive Session for purposes of personnel. Commissioner Barrera seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Following Executive Session, the open public meeting resumed and President Umane reported the following action taken in Executive Session:

- I. The Commissioners unanimously granted an advance of

ninety (90) days of sick leave for Norman Lindros, an Administrative Associate in the Brooklyn Office, retroactive to the day his accumulated time ran out. Mr. Lindros has more than ten (10) years of City service which complies with City Policy.

President Umane moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sipp seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 1:30 P.M.