

MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014  
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 Gregory C. Soumas  
                  Secretary Michael Michel

Commissioners Jose Araujo, Ronald Castorina, Julie Dent, Maria R.  
Guastella, Michael Rendino, Simon Shamoun

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director  
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director  
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager  
Steven H. Richman, General Counsel  
Raphael Savino, Deputy General Counsel  
Valerie Vazquez, Director, Communications & Public Affairs  
Nina M. Crispino, Director, Personnel  
Kenneth Moltner, Counsel to the Commissioners  
Steven B. Denkberg, Counsel to the Commissioners

GUEST:     Kate Doran, LWV  
              John D. Smith  
              Monica Bartley, CIDNY  
              K. Schwam  
              David Seitzer, NYC Council  
              Rushelle Sharpe, DOI  
              Carolyn Sheehan, DOI

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President Soumas called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Rendino seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Araujo requested to discuss a Queens personnel matter in public session.

Commissioner Araujo reported that there is a Queens vacancy for a Democratic Bengali Translator. Rachel Knipel, the Language Assistance Program (LAP) Coordinator, recommended appointing Masud Masum, a temporary employee who has been assigned to the Board's LAP Department since 2012. Mr. Masum was hired through a temp agency and has an affidavit of accuracy. Based on Ms. Knipel's recommendation, Commissioner Araujo moved to appoint Masud Masum to the position of Democratic Bengali Translator in the LAP Department, at an annual salary of \$40,628, effective immediately. Secretary Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ryan reported on the ES&S Workshop for the Board which was held on April 3, 2014 in Omaha, NE. Mr. Ryan, Mr. Naudus and

Commissioners Dent, Guastella and Castorina attended the workshop. Mr. Ryan reported that it was a very productive meeting. Board staff was briefed on the manner in which ES&S conducts the testing and construction of the DS-200's, and they discussed the protocols necessary on any changes that occurred in the firmware, software and hardware of the DS-200's moving forward.

President Soumas noted that Commissioner Dent joined the meeting.

Mr. Ryan reported that the transfer of ownership for the two (2) lever voting machines to the National September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial and Museum occurred yesterday. The Museum curators would like to hold an event with the Board when they reveal the voting machines on exhibit in the future.

Mr. Richman presented the draft Designating and Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) Petition Rules for the September 9, 2014 Primary Election. Copies of the draft were circulated to the Commissioners. The basis of the draft Rules are the September 2013 Primary Rules, and the draft also reflect the changes the Commissioners have already approved in the Independent Nominating Petition Rules for 2014 Special Elections as well

as the absence of any citywide offices on the ballot. Mr. Richman requested approval of the draft Rules. Commissioner Dent moved to adopt the Designating and Opportunity to Ballot Petition Rules for the September 9, 2014 Primary Election. Secretary Soumas seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Richman presented the draft Filing Calendar for Designating and OTB Petitions for the September 9, 2014 Primary Election. Copies of the draft were circulated to the Commissioners. Mr. Richman recommended scheduling the Designating Petition Hearings on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> (if necessary) at 10:00 A.M. and the OTB Petition Hearings on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P.M. Commissioner Araujo moved to adopt the Filing Calendar for Designating & OTB Petitions for the September 9, 2014 Primary Election. Secretary Michel seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

President Soumas moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and unanimously adopted.

The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 1:30 P.M.