

MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014
AT 1:30 P.M.
42 BROADWAY, 6th FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS' HEARING ROOM
NEW YORK, NY 10004

PRESENT: President Gregory C. Soumas

Commissioners Ronald Castorina, Julie Dent, Maria R. Guastella, Michael Rendino, Simon Shamoun, Frederic M. Umane

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director
Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director
Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager
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: Monica Bartley, CIDNY
 Kate Doran, LWV
 Sam Sloan
 K. Loving, CFB
 E. Schultz, DOI
 A. Flacks, Member of NY County Democratic Committee
 B. Taylor

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

Commissioner Dent moved to adopt minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting. President Soumas seconded the motion, with Commissioner Umane abstaining. The motion was adopted. Commissioner Umane noted that he abstained because he was not present at that meeting.

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

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

- I. Alan Schulkin was appointed as the Deputy Chief Clerk in the Manhattan Office, effective tomorrow morning, at the outgoing salary of the former Deputy Chief Clerk Tim Gay. Alvin Samuels, the Acting Deputy Chief Clerk, will return to his prior position and prior salary, effective tomorrow morning;

- II. There was a Manhattan Office disciplinary matter concerning Republican employee Lisa Baratta. The matter was settled without a Disciplinary Hearing. Ms. Baratta has agreed to six (6) months of probation as a result for her misjudgment and error;
- III. As the Executive Director position was vacant from January 1, 2013 through August 26, 2013, it caused Pamela Perkins, the Administrative Manager in the General Office, to be unable to use her Annual Leave in excess of 378 hours. These hours will be carried over for the time after July 1, 2014.

President Soumas announced that the Petition and Cover Sheet Review Committee for Designating Petitions for the June 24, 2014 Federal Primary Election will be held on Friday, April 18, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. The Committee will consist of Commissioners Dent and Rendino.

President Soumas announced that the Commissioners' Hearings on Designating Petitions for Federal Office scheduled on Thursday, April 24, 2014 will start at 1:30 P.M. instead of 10:00 A.M.

President Soumas recognized Alan Flacks, a member of the public, who spoke about the elimination of voter registration buff cards and the recording of write-in votes for the 2013 General Election.

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

President Soumas announced that there will not be a Commissioners' Meeting next week. The next stated meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 1:30 P.M.